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State could see ‘historic tax-cutting budget’

With \$400 million more than expected from surplus, negotiators getting closer to final deal on \$24.2 billion financial plan

By Christopher Keating
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — With \$400 million more than expected from a booming budget surplus, negotiators were getting closer to a final deal Monday on the \$24.2 billion state budget that will cover the priorities of both Gov. Ned Lamont and Democrats who control the legislature.

For months, negotiators had been unsure whether there would be enough money to at least partially satisfy both sides that want to

deliver tax cuts in an election year. Lamont has been pushing for cuts on cars and residential property, while Democrats have been pushing for a child tax credit on the state income tax for the first time in Connecticut history.

They had clashed over a previous cap of \$180 million in tax cuts because more than \$2 billion in federal stimulus money over two years cannot be used directly for tax cuts. But now that cap is expected to increase by another \$400 million, officials said. In addition, the child tax credit will be able to start

in the 2023 fiscal year that starts in July — rather than being pushed off into the future.

The change represents a dramatic turnaround from years of tax increases under then-Gov. Dannel P. Malloy.

“What you’re seeing now is going to be a state budget in which we dramatically cut taxes for parents, for property owners, for car owners,” Scanlon told the Courant in an interview. “All of that would have been unthinkable eight years ago when I first became a state representative. ... This is going to be a historic tax-cutting budget.”

The final numbers were still being negotiated Monday, and House Democrats are expected to hold a closed-door caucus Tuesday on the package.

The budget will also include keeping the earned income tax credit to 41.5% — far higher than in recent years. Several governors were historically against the credit before it was finally approved in 2011 under Malloy.

Using federal money, Lamont retroac-

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WAR IN UKRAINE



A woman searches for salvageable items in the second floor of her home Monday in Hostomel. She said it was bombed on March 7 while her mother and grandmother were downstairs and that the family relocated to western Ukraine. **JOHN MOORE/GETTY**

Soaring tax assessments in central Connecticut

Hot real estate market could mean hefty property tax bills in some state communities

By Don Stacom
Hartford Courant

The wild surge in housing prices comes with a downside for some Connecticut homeowners this summer: soaring tax assessments.

In communities that completed revaluations last fall, owners of some properties should brace for steeply higher property tax bills.

The impact varies in each town or city, and generally businesses and some homeowners will be paying less this year — while others face tax bills 10 or 15% higher than last year’s.

And unlike years when big budget increases were behind the change, the 2022 changes are driven by the dizzyingly mercurial real estate market.

So shockingly hefty tax bills are possible even in communities that held spending absolutely flat compared to last year.

“Our budget is no different — we’re working with the same \$131 million. Taxes didn’t go up,” East Hartford Mayor Michael Walsh said. “But who is paying taxes is going to be remarkably different. In general, business will pay less, residential will pay more.”

And depending on how the market gyrations affected each property, the definition of “more” will vary a lot.

Some East Hartford homes jumped in value by 50% in the past five years because of the super-heated housing market.

Those owners can expect tax bills in July that are up 15 to 20% from last year — even though the town just cut its tax rate from 49.35 mills to 41, and will be collecting the same overall tax receipts as it did last year.

This is happening only in communities that did revaluations last year for the new grand list. Connecticut towns and cities recalculate their tax bases every five year; the 2021 revaluation schedule included East Hartford, West Hartford, Enfield, Hartford, Vernon, Manchester Plainville, Hebron, Portland and others.

In typical years, revaluations raise the average assessment moderately. Usually the tax rate is then lowered to offset that, so for the most part each homeowner comes out more or less the same.

But this year is an entirely different story.

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Weakened Russia said to be US goal

Kremlin targets fuel, railway depots far from eastern front

By David Keyton
Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine — Russia unleashed a string of attacks Monday against rail and fuel installations deep inside Ukraine, far from the front lines of Moscow’s new eastern offensive, in a bid to thwart Ukrainian efforts to marshal supplies for the fight.

The U.S., meanwhile, moved to rush more weaponry to Ukraine and said the assistance from the Western allies is making a difference in the 2-month-old war.

“Russia is failing. Ukraine is succeed-

ing,” Secretary of State Antony Blinken declared in Poland, a day after he and the secretary of defense made a bold visit to Kyiv to meet with President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

Blinken said Washington approved a \$165 million sale of ammunition, mainly if not entirely for Ukraine’s Soviet-era weapons, and will also provide more than \$300 million in financing to buy more supplies.

Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin took his comments further, saying that while the U.S. wants to see Ukraine remain a sovereign, democratic country, it also wants “to see Russia weakened to the

point where it can’t do things like invade Ukraine.”

Austin’s comments about weakening Russia appear to represent a broader U.S. strategic goal. Previously, the U.S. position had been that the goal of American military aid was to help Ukraine win and to defend Ukraine’s NATO neighbors against Russian threats.

Russian President Vladimir Putin accused the U.S. and its allies of trying to “split Russian society and to destroy Russia from within.”

In other developments, fires were

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Murphy, Bronin condemn legislative ‘campaign of bullying’ of LGBTQ kids

By Christopher Arnott
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — With hundreds of bills seeking to limit the rights of LGBTQ people advancing across the U.S., Sen. Chris Murphy and Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin stood Monday morning outside the Hartford Gay & Lesbian Health Collective to proclaim their support for transgender and nonbinary youth in Connecticut.

Murphy and Bronin, flanked by representatives of the collective and other local LGBTQ organizations, gathered to denounce what

the senator called “an unconscionable attack on trans and nonbinary kids. It’s a systematic attack campaign being waged by a right wing movement bereft of its own ideas.”

Linda Estabrook, HGLHC’s executive director, said bullying and discrimination is a critical issue. “It’s heartbreaking being a member of the LGBTQ community, knowing the progress we’ve made, and seeing the pain that’s being caused by others right now. This is not just about LGBTQ kids. It scares the straight kids too. It affects everyone.”

“These kids have done absolutely nothing to deserve this targeted bullying,” said Murphy, whose remarks were similar to those he made on the Senate floor on April 7. He noted the “frightening” statistics of how 50% of transgender children admit to having had suicidal thoughts. He also mentioned “154 pieces of legislation introduced so far” which seek to “deny rights of transgender Americans.”

“This campaign of bullying has to end,” Murphy said, adding

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Sen. Chris Murphy speaks while Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin and local LGBTQ leaders look on Monday morning at the Hartford Gay & Lesbian Health Collective. Murphy was speaking in support of trans and non-binary youth. **CHRISTOPHER ARNOTT/HARTFORD COURANT**

Hartford Police Chief Thody’s father dies in Haddam fire

The father of Hartford Police Chief Jason Thody died following a fire in Haddam. Firefighters removed Donald E. Thody, 85, from his burning kitchen Thursday afternoon. He was treated and sent to Middlesex Hospital, where he died. **Connecticut, Page 1**

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Municipal Tax rates differ across Connecticut

The tax rates set by municipalities can change every year and with revaluation might make an impact on everything from starter homes to mansions. These are rates for 2021.

District	Personal Property	Motor Vehicles
Avon	34.21	34.21
Berlin	33.93	33.93
Bloomfield	35.58	35.58
Bristol	38.35	38.35
Burlington	33.40	33.40
Canton	33.22	33.22
East Granby	33.60	33.60
East Hartford	49.35	45.00
East Windsor	34.50	34.50
Enfield	34.23	34.23
Farmington	28.81	28.81
Glastonbury	37.32	37.32
Granby	39.61	39.61
Hartford	74.29	45.00
Hartland	27.00	27.00
Manchester	36.52	36.52
Marlborough	35.84	35.84
New Britain	49.50	44.00
Newington	38.81	38.81
Plainville	34.56	34.56
Rocky Hill	34.10	34.10
Simsbury	37.41	37.41
Southington	29.03	29.03
South Windsor	37.86	37.86
Suffield	28.64	28.64
West Hartford	42.42	42.42
Wethersfield	40.67	40.67
Windsor	33.27	33.27
Windsor Locks	25.83	25.83

SOURCE: CT Office of Policy and Management

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housing prices shot up. So when properties assessments were updated last year, the new data took into account those surging real estate prices. Enfield’s residential values, for instance, saw a stunning 27% average increase, compared to just an 8 percent rise in commercial values. Who exactly will pay — and who will come out ahead — varies from town to town and neighborhood to neighborhood. In East Hartford, Walsh sees 40 and 50% increases in values mostly among larger houses in the town’s most affluent neighborhoods. In West Hartford, though, it’s the modest neighborhoods — and especially starter homes — where prices soared the most. “There was a huge swing in Elmwood,” said Rick Ledwith, acting town manager. “We’ve had folks



A “home for sale” sign in Connecticut in 2020. COURANT FILE PHOTO

moving into Connecticut from Massachusetts and New York, the bidding has driven up the prices of homes in certain neighborhoods and that’s having a significant impact.” West Hartford Mayor Shari Cantor is concerned about residents who are struggling to keep up with the cost of living already. “There are people with fixed incomes, people who retired in their homes and

didn’t plan on this. There’s no growth in their income that will help absorb this kind of jump,” she said. Overall, home owners who were delighted to watch the market value of their houses soar for the past two years will come out the worst at tax season. One the other end, some properties didn’t enjoy that market surge — frequently condos or, in some towns, the high end homes — and

those owners stand to see lower bills in July. For East Hartford, owners of homes with assessments that climbed 25% in the new revaluation will come out about even, Walsh said. Those will smaller increases should see lower tax bills, while those with bigger gains will be paying more taxes. “I’m concerned about the people in the 40 percent (increase) range and up —

usually those are our nicest homes. We have seniors with mid-sized and large homes in that range, and we’re trying to help them,” Walsh said. East Hartford’s council just raised the savings available through its property tax credits for seniors and disabled people, and is offering aid to veterans as well. Enfield’s town council is reviewing assessment

data between now and when it adopts a budget in mid-May, Town Manager Ellen Zoppo-Sassu said. “We know the mill rate is going to decrease, but we have not gotten to the magic number of what that is,” she said. “Clearly, we want to get it as close to what people paid last year, while preserving services and tackling a laundry list of deferred maintenance and building projects.”

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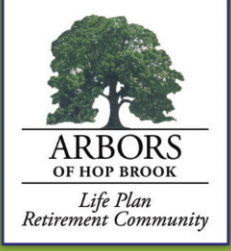
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reported at two oil facilities in western Russia, not far from the Ukrainian border. Their cause was not immediately known.

When Russia invaded Ukraine on Feb. 24, its apparent goal was the lightning capture of Kyiv, the capital. But the Ukrainians, with the help of Western weapons, thwarted the push and forced Putin's troops to retreat.

Moscow now says its goal is to take the Donbas, the mostly Russian-speaking industrial region in eastern

Ukraine. While both sides say the campaign in the east is underway, Russia has yet to mount an all-out offensive and has not achieved any major breakthroughs.

On Monday, Russia focused its firepower elsewhere, with missiles and warplanes striking far behind the front lines.

Five railroad stations in central and western Ukraine were hit, and one worker was killed, said Oleksandr Kamyshin, head of Ukraine's state railway. The bombardment included a missile attack near Lviv, the western city close to the Polish border that has been swelled by Ukrainians flee-

ing the fighting elsewhere around the country.

Ukrainian authorities said that at least five people were killed by Russian strikes in the central Vynnytsia region.

Russia also destroyed an oil refinery in Kremenchuk, in central Ukraine, along with fuel depots there, Russian Defense Ministry spokesman Maj. Gen. Igor Konashenkov said. In all, Russian warplanes destroyed 56 Ukrainian targets overnight, he said.

Philip Breedlove, a retired U.S. general who was NATO's top commander from 2013 to 2016, said the latest strikes against fuel

depots are part of a strategy to deplete key Ukrainian war resources. The strikes against rail targets, on the other hand, are a newer tactic, he said.

"I think they're doing it for the legitimate reason of trying to interdict the flow of supplies to the front," he said. "The illegitimate reason is they know people are trying to leave the country, and this is just another intimidation, terrorist tactic to make them not have faith and confidence in traveling on the rails."

In Transnistria, a break-away region of Moldova that sits along the Ukrainian border, several explosions

believed caused by rocket-propelled grenades hit the territory's Ministry of State Security. There was no immediate claim of responsibility or reports of injuries.

Transnistria is a strip of land with about 470,000 people and about 1,500 Russian troops based there.

Moldova's Foreign Ministry said "the aim of today's incident is to create pretexts for straining the security situation in the Transnistrian region." The U.S. warned previously that Russia may launch "false-flag" attacks against its own side to create a pretext for invading other nations.

Last week, Rustam

Minnekayev, a Russian military commander, said the Kremlin wants full control of southern Ukraine, which he said would open the way to Transnistria.

An estimated 2,000 Ukrainian troops holed up in a steel plant in the strategic southern port city of Mariupol are tying down Russian forces and apparently keeping them from being added to the offensive elsewhere in the Donbas. Over the weekend, Russian forces launched new airstrikes on the Azovstal plant to try to dislodge the holdouts. Some 1,000 civilians were also said to be taking shelter at the steelworks.

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that "the criminalization of parents for supporting their trans children is around the corner."

In more than a dozen states, legislation has been introduced to exclude transgender students from participating in sports, prevent them from using the bathroom that matches their gender identity, to restrict gender transition care and prevent schools from discussing gender identity or sexual orientation.

Murphy suggested that the Biden administration "make clear to parents what their rights are. Congress should pass legislation that requires each school district to have policies" regarding the bullying of trans and nonbinary children."

"This is about challenging adults who are putting kids in this position," Murphy said. "It's time for the federal government to lead, and call these powerful adults who are so weak and insecure that they use their power to bully kids," Murphy said.

Bronin publicly thanked Murphy for supporting legislation that would prohibit bullying or discrimination against LGBTQ youth. Calling the Hartford Gay & Lesbian Health Collective "a special place [that] reflects the values of the community," the mayor noted the celebrations of the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall gay liberation protests three years ago as a sign of "the progress we've made as a country. LGBTQ feels safer today. It's distressing to see deliberate efforts to roll that progress back."

"We are proud," Bronin said, "to add our voice to those in the community,



Linda Estabrook, executive director of the Hartford Gay & Lesbian Health Collective, from left; Mel Cordner, executive director of Q Plus; Sen. Chris Murphy; and Ace Ricker, community impact manager at the New Haven Pride Center. CHRISTOPHER ARNOTT/HARTFORD COURANT

saying no to hate, no to bullies."

Mel Cordner, executive director of Q Plus, explained that "Connecticut is more or less a leader" in supporting LGBTQ+ issues, "but when I tell that to kids in my support groups, they say 'Oh, that's sad' " — meaning that other states weren't

doing nearly enough and that Connecticut could do more.

"The overall message kids are getting from us," Cordner said, "is that they are not safe in their schools, which is where they spend most of their time." They cited The Trevor Project's 2019 National Survey on LGBTQ

Youth Mental Health LGBTQ, which reported that youth who have "at least one accepting adult" in their lives were 40% less likely to attempt suicide.

Ace Ricker, the community impact manager for the New Haven Pride Center, told the assembled media at the event that "I am here

as a trans male. I am not a threat. I am trying to live my authentic self."

Like the trans and nonbinary youth under discussion, he said, "I am not affecting anyone else's life by being who I am ... but every day I step out in fear of people wanting to target me for who I am.

"I want to uphold the voices of these kids that are being silenced," Ricker said. He praised Murphy for "taking the floor and saying trans rights are human rights."

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Budget

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tively increased the state credit for the 2021 calendar year to 41.5% of the federal credit. Advocates note that other states also have generous programs, including 40% in New Jersey. By 2023, the rate in South Carolina is expected to jump sharply to 125%, officials said.

In Connecticut, the number has changed multiple times over the past decade, depending on the state's budget fortunes and decisions by the legislature. The credit has gone from 23% to 30.5% before 41.5%.

House Speaker Matt Ritter of Hartford is convinced that lawmakers will vote on the budget before the looming deadline next week when the regular

session ends.

"I am very confident that we will have a budget done and voted on by May 4, and my concerns of last week, when we were not moving quickly enough, have evaporated," Ritter said in an interview.

Ritter said he would be surprised if negotiators did not reach a deal within 48 hours, which would allow enough time for the nonpartisan staff to craft the massive budget into legislative language that would be ready for a final vote.

"We're getting there," Ritter said. "We're very, very close. ... The new revenue estimates provided the ability for us to further reduce taxes. That was a huge help in getting us to move swiftly over the last couple of days."

Despite a push by Republicans, Ritter questioned

a proposal to cut the state sales tax from the current 6.35% down to 5.99 percent that some lawmakers have advocated as a way to help consumers immediately.

"The problem with that is 20 to 25% of our sales tax comes from out-of-staters," Ritter said. "That's the hard part with the sales tax."

Ritter added that the legislature would not approve the overall Republican tax-cut package of \$1.2 billion, which would also include money for unemployment insurance assessments for businesses.

"The Republican budget is still a violation of the law — unless a court rules otherwise," Ritter said. "That's their argument. They are clear. They think we should sue. We believe that's a risky strategy, but we can go higher than the original

\$180 million."

While the final numbers had not been decided, lawmakers had called for a maximum credit of \$600 per year per child for as many as three children under the age of 17 — meaning that a family could receive a maximum reduction of \$1,800 per year on their state income taxes. The measure would impact an estimated 853,000 children in the state.

Single mothers and fathers earning up to \$100,000 per year would be eligible for the credit, along with families earning up to \$200,000 per year. Three states currently offer their own child tax credit, including California and New York.

House Republican leader Vincent Candelora of North Branford said the increased

money would allow the legislature to approve a Republican plan to reduce taxes for workers.

"I think \$400 million would clearly be enough to cut the state income tax," Candelora said in an interview Monday, noting that cutting the tax by one percentage point would cost \$380 million.

Republicans have not been directly involved in the latest budget negotiations, but Candelora has been in conversation with Ritter about the numbers. The child tax credit, Candelora said, would not start until the 2023 calendar year — longer than the Republican plan for immediate relief at a time of rising gasoline prices and inflation.

"That's a year out — it doesn't help people who are faced with inflation today,"

Candelora said. "Why can't we do more and why can't we do relief now? Instead of a year from now?"

Senate Republican leader Kevin Kelly of Stratford agreed.

Connecticut families are struggling. Meanwhile, government is flush with middle-class tax dollars, and Democratic leaders are unwilling to provide immediate relief," Kelly said. "It's wrong to take more than you need. But that's exactly what Gov. Lamont and the Democratic majority are doing. They are overtaxing Connecticut families, and keeping those dollars at a time when the middle class is struggling to make ends meet."

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NY judge finds Trump in contempt

Ex-president faces daily \$10,000 fine in state AG probe

By Larry Neumeister
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A New York judge found former President Donald Trump in contempt of court and set in motion \$10,000 daily fines Monday for failing to adequately respond to a subpoena issued by the state’s attorney general as part of a civil investigation into his business dealings.

Judge Arthur Engoron said a contempt finding was appropriate because Trump and his lawyers hadn’t shown they had conducted a proper search for records sought by the subpoena.

“Mr. Trump, I know you take your business seriously, and I take mine seriously,” Engoron said in a Manhattan courtroom that was packed with reporters, but absent of Trump. “I hereby hold you in civil contempt and fine you \$10,000 a day” until the terms of the subpoena are met.

New York Attorney General Letitia James, a Democrat, had asked the court to hold Trump in contempt after he failed to produce any documents to satisfy a March 31 court-imposed deadline to meet the terms of the subpoena.

Trump, a Republican, has been fighting James in court over her investigation, which he has called a politically motivated “witch hunt.” During oral arguments Monday, Trump attorney Alina Habba said, “Donald Trump does not believe he is above the law.”

Habba said in a statement that the ruling will be



Former President Donald Trump speaks Saturday at a rally in Delaware, Ohio. On Monday, a New York judge found him in contempt for not complying with a subpoena as part of a state investigation of his business dealings. **JOE MAIORANA/AP**

appealed.

“We respectfully disagree with the court’s decision. All documents responsive to the subpoena were produced to the attorney general months ago,” she said.

James has been conducting a lengthy investigation into the Trump Organization, the former president’s family company, centering on what she has claimed is a pattern of misleading banks and tax authorities about the value of his properties.

“Today, justice prevailed,” James said in a statement after Engoron’s ruling. “For years, Donald Trump has tried to evade the law and stop our lawful investigation

into him and his company’s financial dealings. Today’s ruling makes clear: No one is above the law.”

The contempt finding by the judge came despite Habba insisting repeatedly that she went to great lengths to comply with the subpoena, even traveling to Florida to ask Trump specifically whether he had in his possession any documents that would be responsive to the demand.

The judge, though, criticized the lack of detailed explanation in the Trump team’s formal response to the subpoena, telling Habba: “You can’t just stand here and say I searched this and

that.”

And after saying he felt “like there’s an 800-pound gorilla in the room here,” he asked why the response to the subpoena didn’t include an affidavit from Trump.

Habba noted that Trump does not send emails or text messages and has no work computer “at home or anywhere else.” She described the search for documents as “diligent.”

“The contempt motion is inappropriate and misleading,” she said. “He complied. ... There are no more documents left to produce by President Trump.”

She also derided the James probe as a “politi-

cal crusade” and “truly a fishing expedition,” saying Trump and his companies had turned over more than 6 million documents and paperwork related to 103 Trump entities for an eight-year period.

“We’ve turned over everything as fast as possible. This is a waste of judicial resources,” Habba added.

She also defended Trump’s character, saying: “My client is an honest person much to the dismay of certain people in this room.”

Trump spokespeople did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Investigators for James

have said in court filings that they uncovered evidence that Trump may have misstated the value of assets like golf courses and skyscrapers on his financial statements for more than a decade.

At the hearing, Assistant Attorney General Andrew Amer said the investigation was being hampered “because we don’t have evidence from the person at the top of this organization.”

And he said the failure to turn documents over in response to the subpoena was “effectively Mr. Trump thumbing his nose at this court’s order.”

Still, Assistant Attorney General Kevin Wallace signaled the probe was about to move to a new phase, saying: “We plan to bring enforcement action in the near future.”

A parallel criminal investigation is being conducted by the Manhattan District Attorney, Alvin Bragg, also a Democrat.

Monday’s contempt finding was not the first for someone who has held the nation’s highest office.

While in the White House, then-President Bill Clinton was found in civil contempt of court in April 1999 in connection to his deposition in a sexual harassment lawsuit filed against him in Arkansas by Paula Jones.

Judge Susan Webber Wright held him in contempt for his testimony, where he falsely said he hadn’t had a sexual relationship with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky. That contempt citation came two months after his acquittal in Congress on articles of impeachment over his testimony.

Austin, Blinken pushed on to Kyiv despite leak

Cabinet secretaries’ cover was blown in Zelenskyy remark

By John Ismay
The New York Times

IN POLAND, NEAR THE UKRAINIAN BORDER — Nearly 48 hours since leaving Washington on what was supposed to be a clandestine mission, Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin met with reporters to discuss an operation that was nearly over before it began.

“This was an important time to be there,” Blinken said Monday morning. “An important time for Ukraine, for the war, and an important moment to have face-to-face conversations in detail.”

The two Cabinet secretaries spoke in a warehouse standing in front of tall stacks of humanitarian aid, while across from them were green-painted wooden boxes of munitions for Soviet-designed weapons used by Ukrainian troops — striking visual reminders of the kinds of aid the U.S. is providing Kyiv.

All of it would be inside Ukraine’s borders by the end of the day, Blinken said.

Last week, Blinken’s and Austin’s staffs were plan-

ning a trip to an Air Force base in Ramstein, Germany, to meet with officials from other nations Tuesday to discuss ways they could help Ukraine in its fight against Russia. A handful of those same staff members worked in parallel, on a need-to-know basis, to plan a stop beforehand in Kyiv so the secretaries could personally inform President Volodymyr Zelenskyy of Ukraine that President Joe Biden would quickly reestablish the U.S. embassy in the Ukrainian capital and provide hundreds of millions of dollars in additional military aid. It would be an unannounced trip by the highest-level delegation of U.S. officials since the Russian invasion began.

Participants who ended their week thinking they would be leaving for Germany on Monday morning were told Friday that plans had changed.

Both Blinken and Austin boarded military C-17 transport planes early Saturday morning at Joint Base Andrews in Maryland, driving directly onto the tarmac and lifting off with the secrecy of their mission intact.

That secret held until about halfway through the nine-hour flight to Poland.

In an apparently unscripted remark Saturday afternoon during a news conference in the Ukrainian capital, Zelenskyy announced that Blinken and Austin would be arriving in Kyiv the next day. Shortly afterward, a senior defense official emerged from Austin’s quarters in the C-17’s cargo hold and somewhat sheepishly informed the three reporters accompanying the defense secretary that Zelenskyy had blown the operation’s cover and the future of the trip was uncertain.

However, Pentagon officials had planned for a number of contingencies, and having details of the secret trip leak out was among them. So the two Cabinet members’ planes pressed on.

After arriving in Poland early Sunday morning, Blinken and Austin climbed into cars and were driven across the border into Ukraine to begin an 11-hour train ride to Kyiv. They were accompanied by just a few of their staff members, and their location was tracked minute by minute in a U.S. military tactical operations center in Poland.

While the secretaries were en route to Kyiv, a senior State Department



Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and Secretary of State Antony Blinken gather Sunday in Kyiv, Ukraine. **UKRAINIAN PRESIDENTIAL PRESS OFFICE**

official and a senior defense official offered reporters in Poland a preview of what Blinken and Austin would be offering to Zelenskyy.

The officials did not have any information on whether Marines would be posted to guard the embassy in Kyiv once it reopens, but they did add that Biden plans to quickly nominate an ambassador to lead it, which he did so Monday, selecting career diplomat Bridget Brink.

The Cabinet secretaries returned to Poland, near the Ukrainian border, Monday morning after traveling

nearly nonstop over the previous two days.

Immediately after briefing reporters, Blinken and Austin met with soldiers from the 82nd Airborne Division and thanked the troops for their service, then boarded Air Force cargo planes to head to Ramstein.

In Germany, Blinken and Austin will be joined by the NATO secretary-general, Jens Stoltenberg, and the Ukrainian defense minister, Oleksii Reznikov, to offer a battlefield update to officials from more than 20 nations. They are also expected to

discuss the deployment of new military aid to Ukraine and how each country can use their own defense industries to produce goods in high demand by Ukraine.

“The first step in winning is believing that you can win,” Austin told reporters. “And so they believe that we can win, we believe that they can win if they have the right equipment, the right support.”

“We’re going to do everything we can — continue to do everything we can to ensure that gets to them,” he added.



Bridget Brink is currently U.S. ambassador to Slovakia. **U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT**

Biden names veteran diplomat as Ukraine ambassador

By Chris Megerian
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Bridget Brink, a veteran foreign service officer who has spent most of her career in the shadow of the former Soviet Union, has been nominated by President Joe Biden to serve as the U.S. ambassador to Ukraine as the country fends off a Russian invasion that’s entered its third month.

The nomination comes as U.S. officials say American

diplomats will soon return to Kyiv, which they evacuated when the war began. Ukrainian forces have since successfully defended the city, and most of the fighting has shifted toward the eastern part of the country.

Daniel Fried, a former U.S. ambassador to Poland who has known Brink for years, described her as “not reckless, but fearless,” and expected she’ll be eager to get to Kyiv.

“She’s going to want to be there,” Fried said. “And if

you tell her it’s dangerous, she’ll be like, ‘Yeah, so?’”

Brink is currently the ambassador to Slovakia and is married to another foreign service officer, Nicholas Higgins, who has worked around the world. They have two sons.

Biden’s choice of Brink comes after a lengthy delay. Although the president has moved to fill other diplomatic posts around the world, he waited more than a year after taking office before settling on

Brink, then nearly three more months for Monday’s announcement.

Brink was nominated by then-President Donald Trump to be ambassador to Slovakia.

The last Senate-approved ambassador to Ukraine was Marie Yovanovitch, who was pushed out by then-President Trump in 2019.

She later testified that Rudy Giuliani, Trump’s lawyer, had urged Ukrainian officials to investigate unproven corruption allega-

tions against Joe Biden, then a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Trump held back \$400 million in military aid for Ukraine as he was pressing for investigations, conduct for which he was later impeached by the House of Representatives. He was not convicted in the Senate.

Brink’s first posting was in Belgrade, Serbia. She also worked in Tbilisi, Georgia, before the Russian invasion in 2008.

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Judge Elizabeth Scherer speaks with Assistant State Attorney Carolyn McCann, left, and Assistant Public Defender Tamara Curtis. AMY BETH BENNETT/SOUTH FLORIDA SUN SENTINEL

Search for Parkland shooter’s jury restarts amid a dispute

By Terry Spencer
Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — The judge overseeing jury selection for a man who murdered 17 people at a Florida high school declared that the process would start over Monday, after prosecutors and defense attorneys argued that she erred when she didn’t question 11 potential jurors who said they would not follow the law before she dismissed them.

In granting the motion filed by prosecutors in Nikolas Cruz’s case over the strong objection of his attorneys, Circuit Judge Elizabeth Scherer nullified two weeks of work by prosecution and defense lawyers, forcing them to begin the entire process anew Monday.

As a result, almost 250 potential jurors who had said they could sit for a four-month trial will not be called back next month for further questioning over whether they could fairly judge Cruz, who pleaded guilty in October to murdering 14 students and three staff members at Park-

land’s Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School on Feb. 14, 2018. More than 1,200 candidates had been screened.

The 12-member jury that will be selected after a two-month winnowing process will decide if Cruz, 23, is sentenced to death or life in prison without parole. The restart will push back opening statements from June 14 to June 21. They had already been delayed from May 31.

Prosecutor Carolyn McCann made her argument after the 11 jurors who were improperly dismissed by Scherer two weeks ago weren’t told to return to court for more questioning Monday — as had been planned — due to a miscommunication error.

Scherer said they would be brought in next week, but McCann argued that more time would be wasted if the potential jurors had to be struck anyway. She said the prosecution has just as much right to question potential jurors and to an untainted final panel as the defense.

“Neither side has been able to talk to these jurors.

In a capital case, the questioning of jurors is important. It is of the utmost importance,” McCann said. “This is not harmless error.”

Melisa McNeill, Cruz’s lead public defender, said Scherer should wait until next week to see if the 11 jurors returned and could be questioned.

“We believe you are committing more error” by dismissing the potential jurors now, McNeill said.

Scherer sided with the prosecution, but gave the defense until Wednesday to conduct research in an effort to change her mind.

Having to start again has been a possibility since April 5 after Scherer’s questioning of a group of 60 potential jurors, the fifth of 21 panels screened before Monday.

With every other group, Scherer only asked if the potential jurors had any hardships that would make it impossible for them to serve from June through September.

With the fifth group, however, she also asked if any would not follow the law if chosen. Eleven hands went up.

Supreme Court tackles case about praying football coach

By Jessica Gresko
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A coach who crosses himself before a game. A math teacher reads the Bible aloud before the bell rings. A coach who hosts an after-school Christian group in their home.

Supreme Court justices discussed all those hypothetical scenarios Monday while hearing arguments about a former public high school football coach from Washington state who wanted to kneel and pray on the field after games. The justices were wrestling with how to balance the religious and free speech rights of teachers and coaches with the rights of students not to feel pressured into participating.

“This doesn’t seem like a new problem,” Justice Stephen Breyer said at one point during arguments at the high court that lasted nearly two hours, despite being scheduled for just one.

Justices at various points brought up other actions a teacher or coach might take, like wearing ashes on Ash Wednesday, kneeling during the national anthem to oppose racism and putting political lawn signs in their yard.

Former NFL player Tim Tebow, who was known for kneeling in prayer on the field, and Egyptian soccer star Mohamed Salah, a Muslim who kneels and touches his forehead to the ground after a goal, also came up.

The case before the justices on Monday involves Joseph Kennedy, a Christian and former football coach at Bremerton High School in Bremerton, Washington.

For years, the coach would kneel at the center of the field following games and lead students in prayer. The school district even-



Former Bremerton High School assistant football coach Joe Kennedy answers questions Monday. WIN MCNAMEE/GETTY

tually learned what he was doing and asked him to stop.

Kennedy stopped leading students in prayer but wanted to continue praying, with students free to join. His lawyers say the Constitution’s freedom of speech and freedom of religion guarantees should allow that practice.

But the school district has said Kennedy’s religious speech interfered with students’ own religious freedom rights and could have the effect of pressuring students to pray and opened the district itself to lawsuits.

The school district says it tried to work out a solution so Kennedy could pray privately before or after the game, including on the field after students left, but Kennedy’s lawsuit followed.

The case comes to the court at a time when conservative justices make up a majority of the court and have been sympathetic to the concerns of religious individuals and groups, such as groups that brought challenges to coronavirus restrictions that applied to houses of worship.

But cases involving religion can also unite the court.

Last year, for example, the court unanimously sided with a Catholic foster care agency that said its religious views prevent it from working with same-sex couples. Already this term in an 8-1 decision the justices ruled for a Texas death row inmate who sought to have his pastor pray aloud and touch him while his execution was carried out.

The case from Bremerton had already caught the justices’ attention. In 2019 the justices declined to get involved in the case at an earlier stage. But four justices were critical of lower court rulings for the school district, writing that an appeals court’s “understanding of the free speech rights of public school teachers is troubling.”

Kennedy started working at Bremerton High School in 2008, and it was his practice at the end of games — after the players and coaches from both teams would meet at midfield to shake hands — to pause and kneel to pray.

Kennedy said he wanted to give thanks for what his players had accomplished and for their safety, among other things.

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Ga. football fans power Walker’s bid

But history makes him a risky hopeful for the US Senate

By Maya King
The New York Times

LaGRANGE, Ga. — Most came dressed in University of Georgia jerseys, hats and T-shirts. Some carried footballs and framed posters. It was a campaign stop for a Senate candidate, but for many Georgians who came to see Herschel Walker, politics was hardly the only draw.

“It’s ‘Herschel, Herschel, Herschel’ — he doesn’t even have to have his last name,” said Gail Hunnicutt, a Walker fan since he dominated the University of Georgia football program from 1980 to 1982, winning the Heisman Trophy and unending adoration from many in football-obsessed Georgia. “I’m wondering why he wants to jump into the mess of Washington politics. But we’re proud to have him there.”

Walker is a risky choice for a Republican Party desperately trying to win back a Senate seat lost in the state’s Democratic wave two years ago. He has never held elected office, and he lived in Texas for the better part of the last decade. He has been accused of domestic abuse and has acknowledged violent thoughts as part of his past struggles with mental illness. He has made exaggerated and false claims about his business success, according to local news reports. And his public speeches are characterized by unclear and sometimes meandering talking points.

But little of this seems to matter to the Republican voters embracing his Senate primary campaign. Walker’s one-name-only fame has propelled him to the top of the field. In less than nine months as a candidate, he has amassed \$10 million in cash. He campaigns with no fear of his primary opponents and all the confidence



Herschel Walker, a Republican candidate for the U.S. Senate, is seen April 18 at a campaign event in LaGrange, Georgia. NICOLE CRAINE/THE NEW YORK TIMES

of an all-star athlete.

“I go into these cities and give people hope,” Walker said last week in an interview at a meet-and-greet event in LaGrange, a small town about an hour southwest of Atlanta. “Most everybody in Georgia knows who I am. The people that want to try to deny they know who I am aren’t from Georgia. Let’s be real.”

But even some Republicans worry their party is being blinded by fandom. Walker may be on track for victory in the May 24 primary, but he faces a harder challenge against Sen. Raphael Warnock.

Warnock, the freshman Democrat, has raised more than \$13 million in the last three months, according to campaign finance data, and he will be backed by national Democrats eager to prove their 2020 victories were more than just a rejection

of former President Donald Trump, but instead were a permanent shift in a rapidly changing Southern state.

Warnock’s campaign declined to comment.

Walker campaigns as both a political outsider and a celebrity, drawing comparisons to Trump, whose friendship and early endorsement have lifted Walker’s prospects. But unlike Trump, Walker eschews large events and spends most of his time at private fundraisers, listening sessions and small-scale grassroots events with limited media access. In speeches, he zigzags from hot-button issues such as transgender students’ participation in high school sports, to riffs on the mechanics of his campaign.

“When I decided to run a lot of people called. The senators called and said, ‘Herschel can you raise the

money? Herschel can you get people to cross over?’ I’m doing both,” Walker said, alluding to some Republicans’ concerns about his appeal to Democratic and independent voters.

Despite his war chest, Walker has not yet bought any television or radio advertisements. He skipped the first primary debate in April and has not committed to attending another scheduled for May 3.

That has prompted some supporters to question his strategy. Debra Jo Steele, a county party official who attended Walker’s event wearing a navy blue Trump cap, asked Walker directly why he did not attend the Senate debate.

Walker said he was out of town, receiving a business leadership award.

Gary Black, the state agriculture commissioner and next highest-polling candi-

date in the Senate race, is the loudest Republican voice against Walker. Black has tried to highlight Walker’s turbulent past and argue that he is unelectable in the fall.

“If Herschel Walker is the nominee for the Republican Party in Georgia, the race will be about Herschel Walker,” Black said. “If I’m the nominee, the race will be about Raphael Warnock and why we should fire him.”

In March, Black’s campaign launched a website detailing the accusations of violence, complete with a 2-minute advertisement listing them. A super PAC supporting Black’s candidacy, Defend Georgia, has said it plans to help spend millions on ads carrying a similar message, though none have aired. Their goal is to pull Walker below a 50% threshold, forcing a runoff. Recent polls

show Walker winning nearly two-thirds of Republican primary voters.

Walker’s ex-wife has accused him of attacking and threatening to kill her. Walker hasn’t denied the allegations, but he and his campaign have denied accusations made by two other women who say he threatened and stalked them. In his book published in 2008 and later interviews, he attributed past erratic and threatening behavior to a diagnosis of dissociative identity disorder.

For some Republicans, that explanation is part of Walker’s appeal.

“He’s adjusted to every circumstance in every situation, where he was,” Hunnicutt said. When asked if she could see herself supporting any other Republican in the race, she replied quickly.

“No,” she said. “And I know who they are.”

In deep-red Utah, doubt over mail-in voting

Opposition grows amid concerns since the election in 2020

By Sam Metz
Associated Press

PROVO, Utah — As Dewon Holt toured a Utah ballot-counting center, she listened intently and questioned election officials about concerns circulating since the 2020 election — about voting machines, people mailed multiple ballots and dead voters.

Holt came away confident in the integrity of the vote count after the tour in one of the state’s Republican strongholds and even suggested election officials do more to publicize the tours.

“Because we had this national fraud thing going on, everybody thinks there’s fraud here,” the 76-year-old Republican said in Provo. “I feel like Utah County is good. But I don’t know if we have problems in the rest of the counties in the state.”

Distrust in elections continues to reverberate around the U.S. and subject election officials to new levels of scrutiny, even in Utah where universal mail-in voting has been widely embraced since the GOP-controlled Statehouse allowed counties to adopt the policy a decade ago.

Pushed by constituents like Holt swept up in fears of widespread fraud, lawmakers made election security a central focus in the Statehouse this year, with 35 proposals considered. They passed laws tightening voter ID, requiring 24-hour surveillance at ballot drop boxes and making it easier for people to opt out of mail voting, but rejected more drastic proposals, including one to end universal vote by mail altogether.

Despite a newfound focus on outreach and education from election officials, doubters remain. Opposition to the state’s vote-by-



After touring a center to count ballots in Utah, Dewon Holt is more confident in the integrity of the vote count. RICK BOWMER/AP

mail policy has grown.

“It’s completely upended the work that election officials do,” said Lt. Gov. Deidre Henderson, Utah’s top election official said of election misinformation. “What gets really problematic is when the fervor from a loud few in the in the populace gets to elected officials. And then the elected officials start saying ‘Well, I got to address the concerns.’”

Utah, where then-President Donald Trump won the last election by 20 percentage points, is the only GOP-led state to mail all active voters ballots each election.

A decade before Trump called it “the greatest scam in the history of politics,” lawmakers championed the practice as a way to boost turnout and make voting more convenient in rural areas. Before 2020, the top concern voiced by election officials was parents of those serving missions for the Utah-based Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day

Saints filling out their children’s ballots.

By 2019, every county in the state had opted into the state’s policy allowing counties to mail all active voters ballots making Utah the fourth state to conduct “all-mail” elections. On Election Day, a limited number of polling places remain open.

The practice was so popular that in Utah County — where Holt toured the ballot center — there was an outcry from residents after officials in 2018 decided against mailing ballots to all active voters, one year after implementing the policy for the first time.

“This is just blatantly wrong. It isn’t the American way,” a city official complained about the decision at the time. “Don’t we want high turnout?”

The county later reversed the decision.

Mail-in ballots remain the overwhelmingly popular method for voting, with 92% using them in the

2020 general election. But unproven claims that they open the door for widespread fraud is transforming the policy discussion, provoking rancorous opposition and newfound skepticism.

Opponents crowded five overflow rooms to listen to a legislative hearing on a proposal to abolish universal voting by mail earlier this year.

Fresh off a failed effort to gather signatures and qualify a measure for the 2022 ballot that would end voting by mail in Utah, members of the anti-mail ballot crowd referring to themselves as “We, the People,” said they had heard of ballots mailed to voters who had died and urged lawmakers to require post-election independent audits.

The proposal’s sponsor, GOP Rep. Phil Lyman, claimed without evidence that certain precincts had recorded 300% voter turnout in recent elections.

“We’re blanketing

communities with ballots and assuming that the people that we’re sending them to are legitimate on the voter rolls whether they requested it or not. And what we’re finding in Utah and other places is that that’s not always the case,” he said.

Opposition to mail-in ballots has also emerged in other GOP-led states that expanded their use before the 2020 election. In Nebraska, counties with fewer than 10,000 may conduct all-mail elections. In Georgia, the secretary of state mailed absentee ballot request forms to every voter ahead of the 2020 election.

In many of these places, a schism has emerged between veteran Republican lawmakers who considered election-related bills for years before they became politicized and ones who ascended to office during the Trump era.

In Georgia, Republicans since 2005 have gradually expanded practices such

as early voting and no-excuse absentee ballots. Ed Lindsey, a former state lawmaker who now serves on the Georgia’s election board, said he observed such a generational divide.

Last year, veteran lawmakers, Lindsey said, were prepared to tweak rules to make ballots more secure, but fought efforts to end no-excuse absentee voting entirely. “They certainly weren’t prepared to throw the baby out with the bathwater because they’d seen that this was something their constituents liked,” he said.

Georgia lawmakers kept no-excuse absentee voting but added provisions making it more difficult to request mail ballots.

Election officials there and in Utah are unsure whether trends will continue showing more choosing to vote by mail, or whether opposition will lead people to return to polling places.

In Utah County, the rancor contributed to the sitting county clerk’s decision not to seek reelection.

Unlike what he and others in the election office had grown accustomed to before 2020, officials are “facing a constant barrage of scrutiny,” Clerk Josh Daniels said. “It’s like playing a game of whack-a-mole, trying to respond to questions and concerns, records requests and things like that — some of which are very interesting and bizarre,” he added.

Daniels’ likely replacement, Republican Aaron Davidson, is a universal vote-by-mail opponent who told an applauding audience in a March debate he planned to petition the Legislature to end the practice.

Davidson plans to follow state laws, which currently require he mail all active voters ballots. “But I’m going to do everything I possibly can to make sure if we’re doing vote by mail, it’s going to be as clean as possible,” he said in an interview.

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NEWS BRIEFING

Michigan chief IDs officer who fatally shot Patrick Lyoya

From news services

A Michigan police chief reversed course Monday and publicly identified the officer who fatally shot Patrick Lyoya in the back of the head during an April 4 traffic stop.

The Grand Rapids officer is Christopher Schurr, Chief Eric Winstrom said.

Lyoya, 26, a Black man and native of Congo, was killed after a struggle with the white officer.

“In the interest of transparency, to reduce ongoing speculation, and to avoid any further confusion, I am confirming the name already publicly circulating — Christopher Schurr — as the officer involved in the April 4 officer-involved shooting,” Winstrom said in a statement.

The Associated Press left a phone message seeking comment from Schurr, who remains off the job while state police investigate the shooting.

Winstrom’s announcement was a reversal. In the aftermath of the shooting and the release of video, Winstrom said he would withhold the officer’s name unless he was charged with a crime.

It was described as a long-standing practice that applied to the public as well as city employees.

Lyoya’s family and Black leaders, including the Rev. Al Sharpton, repeatedly called for transparency and release of the name.

“We want his name!” Sharpton shouted at Lyoya’s funeral on Friday, saying authorities cannot set a precedent of withholding the names of officers who kill people unless the officer is charged.

Lyoya, who was unarmed, was face down on the ground when he was shot. Schurr was on top of him

and can be heard on video demanding that he take his hand off the officer’s Taser.

A forensic pathologist who conducted an autopsy at the family’s request said the gun was pressed to Lyoya’s head when he was shot.

“Every time a young Black man or woman is arrested in this town, you put their name all over the news. Every time we’re suspected of something, you put our name out there,” Sharpton said.

China outbreak: Beijing will conduct mass testing of most of its 21 million people, authorities announced Monday as a new COVID-19 outbreak sparked stockpiling of food by residents worried about the possibility of a Shanghai-style lockdown.

The Chinese capital began mass testing people in one of its 16 districts where most of the new cases have been found.

The city also imposed lockdowns on individual residential buildings and one section of the city. Late in the day, health officials said the testing would be expanded Tuesday to all but five outlying districts.

While only 70 cases have been found since the outbreak surfaced Friday, authorities have rolled out strict measures under China’s “zero-COVID” approach to try to prevent a further spread of the virus.

Execution delayed: A Texas appeals court on Monday delayed the execution of Melissa Lucio amid growing doubts about whether she fatally beat her 2-year-old daughter in a case that has garnered the support of lawmakers, celebrities and even some jurors who sentenced her to death.

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals granted a request by Lucio’s lawyers for a stay of execution so a lower court can review her claims that new evidence would exonerate her.

Lucio had been set for lethal injection Wednesday for the 2007 death of her daughter Mariah in Harlingen, a city of about 75,000 in Texas’ southern tip.

Prosecutors have maintained that the girl was the victim of abuse and noted that her body was covered in bruises. Lucio’s lawyers say Mariah died from injuries she sustained in a fall down a steep staircase several days before she died.

The execution stay was announced minutes before the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles had been set to consider Lucio’s clemency application to either commute her death sentence or grant her a 120-day reprieve.

Subway camera failure: The failure of security cameras in the New York subway station where a gunman opened fire this month is the subject of an investigation.

Acting Metropolitan Transportation Authority Inspector General Elizabeth Keating announced the probe Monday.

“As the horrific mass shooting two weeks ago in Sunset Park has raised questions about the MTA camera system, the Office of the Inspector General has initiated an inquiry into why the cameras were not transmitting on April 12 and a review of the maintenance and repair program for the critical equipment,” Keating said in a statement.

Police acknowledged that security cameras in three stations weren’t working on the morning of April 12, including the Brooklyn station where the gunman set off a smoke device and shot 10 people.

Turkish court decision: A Turkish court on Monday sentenced prominent Turkish civil rights activist and philanthropist Osman Kavala to life in prison without parole, finding him guilty of attempting to overthrow the government with mass protests in 2013.

Western governments and rights groups strongly criticized the ruling, with one calling it “a travesty of justice of spectacular proportions.”

The court in Istanbul also sentenced seven other defendants, including 71-year-old architect Mucella Yapici, to 18 years in prison each for “aiding” the attempt.

It ordered that the activists, who were not in custody, be immediately arrested, the state-run Anadolu Agency reported.

Kavala, 64, has been jailed in Silivri prison, on the outskirts of Istanbul, since he was detained Oct. 18, 2017, accused of financing the protests. He and other defendants denied all the accusations and are expected to appeal the verdicts.

Sudan violence: Sudan’s military deployed further troops to West Darfur province to help stop tribal fighting that claimed the lives of more than 175 people over the past five days, officials and aid agencies said Monday.

The peak of the fighting between Arabs and the African Masalit tribe was Sunday in the town of Kreinik, about 50 miles east of the provincial capital of Genena. The clashes eventually reached Genena where authorities declared a nightly curfew in the main market, according to the U.N.

U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres condemned the violence that grew out of the killing of two Arab people Thursday in Kreinik by unknown assailants.

At least 168 people were killed, and 89 others were wounded on Sunday alone, according to the General Coordination for Refugees and Displaced in Darfur.



A child lays poppies on the cenotaph to commemorate Anzac Day at a dawn service Monday at Auckland War Memorial Museum in Auckland, New Zealand. Anzac Day is a national holiday in New Zealand. It commemorates the day the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps landed on the shores of Gallipoli on April 25, 1915, during World War I. FIONA GOODALL/GETTY

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Twitter OKs Musk buyout with \$44 billion price tag

Tesla CEO advocates relaxation of content restrictions by social media giant

Associated Press

Elon Musk reached an agreement to buy Twitter for roughly \$44 billion on Monday, promising a more lenient touch to policing content on the platform where he promotes his interests, attacks critics and opines on social and economic issues to more than 83 million followers.

The outspoken Tesla CEO, who is also the world's wealthiest person, has said he wanted to buy and privatize Twitter because he thinks it's not living up to its potential as a platform for free speech.

Musk said in a joint statement with Twitter that he wants to make the service "better than ever" with new features, such as getting rid of automated "spam bots" and making its algorithms open to the public to increase trust.

"Free speech is the bedrock of a functioning democracy, and Twitter is the digital town square where matters vital to the future of humanity are debated," he said.

The deal was cemented roughly two weeks after the billionaire first revealed a

9 percent stake in the platform. Musk said last week that he had lined up \$46.5 billion in financing to buy Twitter, putting pressure on the company's board to negotiate a deal.

Twitter said the transaction was unanimously approved by its board of directors. The 11-member board includes Twitter co-founder and former CEO Jack Dorsey, who has been planning to step down from the board in May. Twitter said the deal is expected to close sometime this year and is subject to the approval of Twitter stockholders and regulators.

Musk has described himself as a "free-speech absolutist" but is also known for blocking or disparaging other Twitter users who question or disagree with him.

In recent weeks, he has voiced a number of proposed changes for the company, from relaxing its content restrictions such as the rules that suspended former President Donald Trump's account to ridding the platform of fake and automated accounts, and shifting away from its advertising-based revenue model.

Asked during a recent TED talk if there are any limits to his notion of "free speech," Musk said Twitter or any forum is "obviously bound by the laws of the country that it operates in. So obviously there are some limitations on free speech in the U.S., and, of course, Twitter would have to abide by those rules."

Beyond that, though, he said he'd be "very reluctant" to delete things and in general be cautious about permanent bans.

It won't be perfect, Musk added, "but I think we want it to really have the perception and reality that speech is as free as reasonably possible."

Twitter had initially enacted an anti-takeover measure. But the board decided to negotiate after Musk updated his proposal last week to show he had secured financing.

Musk has an estimated fortune of nearly \$279 billion, according to Forbes, but much of his money is tied up in Tesla stock. He owns about 17% of the electric car company that is valued at more than \$1 trillion and SpaceX, his privately held space company. It's unclear how much cash Musk has.

Fake Twitter accounts uncovered, report says

Associated Press

BEIJING — A U.S.-based intelligence company says it uncovered a network of more than 600 inauthentic Twitter accounts that spread a positive narrative of China's far-western Xinjiang region, as Beijing was being accused of human rights abuses and locking up hundreds of thousands of Uyghurs and other ethnic minorities there.

According to a report released Monday by Nisos, 648 Twitter accounts posted several thousand tweets with hashtags such as #xinjiang, #forcedlabor and #humanrights, with seemingly innocuous content such as traditional dancing and scenic photos, as well as videos with individuals denying that forced labor exists in Xinjiang.

The network and its tweets appear to be intended to promote "a positive narrative regarding Xinjiang and Uyghur treatment within the People's Republic of China" and actively targeted a foreign audience, the report found.

The report comes as China is being criticized internationally for its treatment of Uyghurs, a Turkic ethnic group native to the Xinjiang region.

In recent years, China held hundreds of thousands of Uyghurs in what Beijing calls "vocational education and training centers" but are widely believed by experts and academics to be internment camps.

China has also been accused of using forced labor in programs that transferred Uyghurs out of Xinjiang and assigned them to different factories throughout the country.

Nisos researchers did not reveal who was actually behind the network of inauthentic accounts.

But they said many of the accounts were created after August 2021, using stock images for their profile pictures, and the tweets were often posted within minutes of each other.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

Kan. loses bid to revive ag-gag law

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Monday rejected an appeal by Kansas to revive a law, earlier struck down by lower courts, that banned secret filming at slaughterhouses and other livestock facilities.

The justices did not comment in leaving in place a ruling by a federal appeals court panel that the so-called ag-gag law violated the First Amendment by stifling speech critical of animal agriculture.

A three-judge panel of the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in a split decision ruled that even if deception is used to enter private property, Kansas may not discriminate based on whether the person intends to harm or help the enterprise.

The appellate ruling upheld a permanent injunction issued by a federal judge in 2020.

Coca-Cola sales up in 1st quarter

Sales at Coca-Cola surged 16% during the first quarter as crowds returned to movie theaters, music venues and sport stadiums.

Coca-Cola was among the companies to suspend operations in Russia after it invaded neighboring Ukraine. But on Monday, it stuck by earlier revenue growth projections of 7% to 8% and per-share growth of 5% to 6% for the year.

The Atlanta company posted net income of \$2.78 billion, or 64 cents per share, topping Wall Street's expectations for per-share earnings by 6 cents, according to a survey by Zacks Investment Research.

The world's largest beverage maker posted revenue of \$10.49 billion in the period, also exceeding industry analyst forecasts of \$9.91 billion.

States with the highest unemployment

Percentage of civilian labor force that was unemployed, March 2022 average, seasonally adjusted

	U.S.: 3.6%
D.C.	6.0%
New Mexico	5.3
CA / AK	5.0
PA / NV	4.9
Maryland	4.7

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics

TNS



Some farmers wonder if it's OK that eggs sold as free-range come from chickens kept inside amid a flu outbreak. CHARLIE NEIBERGALL/AP 2015

Placing poultry in lockdown

Amid outbreak of bird flu, egg producers split on keeping free-range birds cooped up

By David Pitt

Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — Is it OK for free-range chickens to not range freely?

That's a question free-range egg producers have been pondering lately as they try to be open about their product while also protecting chickens from a highly infectious bird flu that has killed roughly 28 million poultry birds across the country.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture recommends that chickens be moved indoors to protect against the disease, but while some are keeping their hens inside, not everyone agrees.

John Brunnquell, the CEO of Indiana-based Egg Innovations, which contracts with more than 50 farms in five states to produce free-range and pasture-raised eggs, said any of his chickens in states with bird flu cases will stay in "confinement mode" until the risk passes.

"We will keep them confined at least until early June," Brunnquell said. "If we

go four weeks with no more commercial breakouts, then we'll look to get the girls back out."

Bird flu cases have been identified in commercial chicken and turkey farms or in backyard flocks in 29 states, according to the USDA. Spread of the disease is largely blamed on the droppings of infected migrating wild birds.

The farms Brunnquell contracts with are in Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio and Wisconsin, all of which have had at least once case of bird flu. But some, like Mike Badger, the executive director of the American Pastured Poultry Producers Association, are taking a different approach.

Badger, whose Pennsylvania-based nonprofit group has about 1,000 members across the country, believes birds kept outdoors are at less risk of infection than chickens and turkeys raised amid thousands of others in large, enclosed barns.

"We put them outside and they get in touch with the environment so I think they have a better immune system to be able to fight off threats as they happen," Badger said.

Research has not clearly proven significant immune system differences in chickens housed outdoors versus indoors. And

Badger speculates that lower density of animals, air movement and less sharing of equipment and staff in pasture-raised operations may contribute to a lack of virus infections.

He said the decision whether to bring hens inside to wait out the annual migration of wild waterfowl is a farm-to-farm decision "based on the comfort level with the risk acceptance."

Chickens are categorized as free-range or pasture-raised by the time they spend outdoors and space they are provided.

Free-range chickens typically must have at least 21.8 square feet of roaming space outdoors and remain out until temperatures drop below around 30 degrees Fahrenheit, according to the American Humane Association, which certifies egg operations. Pasture-raised chickens typically must have 108 square feet outdoors each and remain outside most of the year except during inclement weather.

The certifying organizations have protocols for high-risk situations and allow for temporary housing indoors — a time period not specifically defined — once a farm documents an outbreak near an outdoor flock.

Bird flu likely will remain a problem for at least several more weeks.

Buffett to auction off one last private lunch

By Josh Funk

Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — The world's most expensive lunch will go on sale again this spring when investor Warren Buffett auctions off a private meal to raise money for a California homeless charity one last time.

Buffett, Berkshire Hathaway's CEO, held the lunch auction once a year for 20 years before the pandemic began to raise money for the Glide Foundation, which helps the homeless in San Francisco.

The auction has been on hiatus for the past two years, but Glide said Monday — a few days before thousands of shareholders are expected to gather at this week's Berk-

shire annual meeting — that the event will be revived this year.

Every winning bid since 2008 has topped \$1 million, and Buffett has raised nearly \$34.5 million for the charity over the years.

Many of the past winners have been investors who revere Buffett for his remarkable track record of finding undervalued companies and stocks to buy for his Omaha-based conglomerate.

But in the last auction, a cryptocurrency pioneer paid \$4,567,888 in 2019 for the chance to dine with Buffett.

Buffett's first wife, Susie, introduced him to Glide after she volunteered there. She died in 2004, but the connection endured.

Buffett has said he supports Glide because it helps people in difficult situa-

tions find hope again in life. Glide provides meals, health care, job training, rehabilitation and housing support to the poor and homeless.

The 91-year-old billionaire didn't immediately respond to questions about why he decided to end the auction after this year.

The weeklong eBay auction will begin June 12 with an opening bid of \$25,000 and continue through June 17. The winner will get to bring up to seven people to eat with Buffett at the Smith & Wollensky steak house in New York City. The only topic that's off limits at the lunch is what Buffett might buy next.

Buffett's company owns more than 90 companies including several major utilities and manufacturing and retail businesses.

BUSINESS



Exxon Mobil says it won't allow banners of outside organizations on its flagpoles. Above, employees attend a pride parade in Houston. MICHAEL STRAVATO/THE NEW YORK TIMES 2015

Exxon ban on flags outside of firm sparks worker backlash

By Ivan Penn
The New York Times

Exxon Mobil will no longer allow banners of outside organizations on its flagpoles, angering some employees who in the past had flown a rainbow Pride flag.

The new policy allows only government flags and those representing Exxon Mobil and its employee resource groups, which are employee-led affinity organizations that are generally blessed by employers. Workers can display the Pride flag and representations of other groups such as Black Lives Matter on other areas of the company's properties, including on lawns or in digital spaces.

"It is a long-standing practice at our facilities around the world that ERG flags can be flown during signature months," Tracey Gunnlaugsson, vice president of human resources at Exxon Mobil, said. "The flags are directly related to our business and company support of our ERGs."

The logo for the company's employee resource group for LGBTQ employ-

ees includes several colors around the word "Pride." That logo has been flown at offices and is used on T-shirts that employees wear at Pride parades.

Current Exxon employees declined to comment. J. Chris Martin, a former employee who used to head the resource group, said that a different flag featuring the Exxon logo on a rainbow background "was flown at many company locations last year without question" but that he had been told that approval to display that flag had been revoked "without explanation."

"I'm also told that the employee resource groups were consulted only in a perfunctory way regarding this matter, based on momentary discomfort with displaying a symbol of open-mindedness and support for long-suppressed voices," he said. "While they may say nobody has lost anything, the symbolism is unmistakable."

The Human Rights Campaign, an organization that works to end discrimination against lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans-

gender people, criticized the company for the policy, saying on Twitter: "There's no such thing as 'neutrality' when it comes to our rights. Our flag isn't just a visual representation of our identities. It is also a staple of allyship."

The decision, first reported by Bloomberg News, came as corporations have increasingly been pressed to be more outspoken on cultural and political issues. Disney, long quiet on such matters, has been in a fight with Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis over a new state law, officially known as "Parental Rights in Education" — or, to its critics, "Don't Say Gay." The measure prohibiting its classroom instruction about sexual orientation and gender identity in some elementary school grades. Disney opposed the law, leading DeSantis to revoke a special tax designation Disney enjoyed in the state.

Exxon was long considered a foe of gay rights, particularly after it merged with Mobil and eliminated that company's policies that barred discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Analysis challenges notions about YouTube, extremism

By Shira Ovide
The New York Times

A new analysis adds nuance to our understanding of YouTube's role in spreading beliefs that are far outside the mainstream.

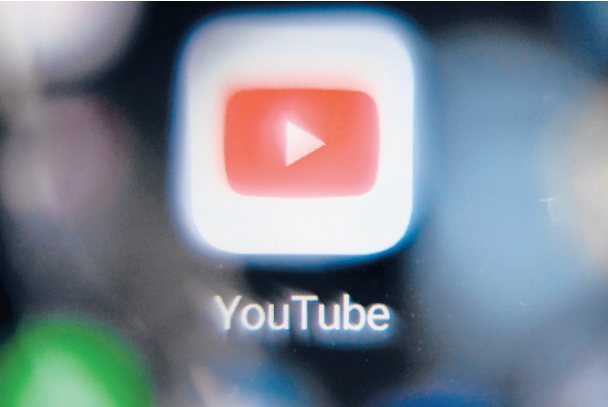
A group of academics found that YouTube rarely suggests videos that might feature conspiracy theories, extreme bigotry or quack science to people who have shown little interest in such material. And those people are unlikely to follow such computerized recommendations when they are offered. The kittens-to-terrorist pipeline is extremely uncommon.

That does not mean that YouTube is not a force in radicalization. The paper also found that research volunteers who already held bigoted views or followed YouTube channels that frequently feature fringe beliefs were far more likely to seek out or be recommended more videos along the same lines.

The findings suggest that policymakers, internet executives and the public should focus less on the potential risk of an unwitting person being led into extremist ideology on YouTube, and more on the ways that YouTube may help validate and harden the views of people already inclined to such beliefs.

"We've understated the way that social media facilitates demand meeting supply of extreme viewpoints," said Brendan Nyhan, one of the paper's co-authors and a Dartmouth College professor who studies misperceptions about politics and health care. "Even a few people with extreme views can create grave harm in the world."

People watch more than 1 billion hours of YouTube videos daily. There are perennial concerns that



Research suggests most of the audience for YouTube videos promoting fringe beliefs are those who want to watch them, not unwitting viewers. KIRILL KUDRYAVTSEV/GETTY-AFP

the Google-owned site may amplify extremist voices, silence legitimate expression or both, similar to the worries that surround Facebook.

This is just one piece of research, and the analysis bears some inherent limitations. But what is intriguing is that the research challenges the binary notion that either YouTube's algorithm risks turning any of us into monsters, or that kooky things on the internet do little harm. Neither may be true.

Digging into the details, about 0.6% of research participants were responsible for about 80% of the total watch time for YouTube channels that were classified as "extremist," such as that of far-right figures David Duke and Mike Cernovich. (YouTube banned Duke's channel in 2020.)

Most of those people found the videos not by accident but by following web links, clicking on videos from YouTube channels that they subscribed to or by following YouTube's recommendations. About 1 in 4 videos that YouTube recommended to people watching an extreme YouTube channel were another video like it.

Only 108 times during the research — about 0.02% of

all video visits the researchers observed — did someone watching a relatively conventional YouTube channel follow a computerized suggestion to an outside-the-mainstream channel when they were not already subscribed.

The analysis suggests that most of the audience for YouTube videos promoting fringe beliefs are people who want to watch them, and then YouTube feeds them more of the same. The researchers found that viewership was far more likely among the volunteers who displayed high levels of gender or racial resentment, as measured based on their responses to surveys.

"Our results make clear that YouTube continues to provide a platform for alternative and extreme content to be distributed to vulnerable audiences," the researchers wrote.

Like all research, this analysis has caveats. The study was conducted in 2020, after YouTube made significant changes to curtail recommending videos that misinform people in a harmful way. That makes it difficult to know whether the patterns that researchers found in YouTube recommendations would have been different in prior years.

MARKET RUNDOWN			
Tuesday, April 26, 2022			
▲ DOW	34,049.46	+238.06	
▼ 10-YR T-BOND	2.82%	-0.08	
▼ GOLD	\$1,893.20	-37.80	
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Commodities			
FUELS			
Crude Oil (bbl)	CLOSE	PREV.	YTD
Natural Gas (mm btu)	98.54	102.07	+31.02%
Unleaded Gas (gal)	6.67	6.53	+78.79%
	3.24	3.31	+45.39%
METALS			
Gold (oz)	CLOSE	PREV.	YTD
Silver (oz)	1,893.20	1,931.00	+3.60%
	23.67	24.26	+1.46%
(Previous and change figures reflect current contract.)			
Foreign Exchange			
	ForEx in U.S. \$	U.S. \$ in ForEx	
Britain	1.2732	.7854	
Canada	.7856	1.2729	
China	.1525	6.5594	
Euro	1.0709	.9338	
Japan	.007811	128.02	
Mexico	.049498	20.2028	
Money Rates			
		CLOSE	PREV. WK.
Prime rate		3.50	3.50
3-mo. T-Bill		0.95	0.76
6-mo. T-Bill		1.43	1.19
5-yr T-Note		2.84	2.66
10-yr T-Note		2.82	2.72
30-yr T-Bond		2.89	2.83
Global Markets			
	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG. %YTD
Frankfurt	13,924.17	-217.92	-1.54% -12.34%
London	7,380.54	-141.14	-1.88% -.05%
Hong Kong	19,869.34	-769.18	-3.73% -15.08%
Nikkei	26,590.78	-514.48	-1.90% -7.64%

Stocks of Local Interest			
STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD %CHG
AT&T Inc (T)	19.51	-.01	-20.7
Adv Micro Dev (AMD)	90.69	+2.55	-37.0
American Airlines Gp (AAL)	19.98	-.20	+11.2
Amphenol Corp (APH)	70.71	+1.27	-19.2
Annaly Capital Mgmt (NLY)	6.53	+.01	-16.5
Apple Inc (AAPL)	162.88	+1.09	-8.3
Ardelyx Inc (ARDX)	.99	+.24	-10.4
Avangrid Inc (AGR)	46.99	-.61	-5.8
Bank of America (BAC)	37.29	-.27	-16.2
Barnes Group (B)	37.54	-.24	-19.4
Barrick Gold (GOLD)	22.73	-1.00	+19.6
Booking Holdings (BKNG)	2246.04	+32.17	-6.4
Borgs Technologies (BRQS)	.36	+.03	-3.2
Brist Myr Sqb (BMY)	76.05	+.30	+22.0
CVS Health Corp (CVS)	101.77	+.09	-1.3
Carrier Global Corp (CARR)	41.96	+.29	-22.6
Charter Commun (CHTR)	506.97	-4.40	+22.2
Cigna Corp (CI)	254.36	-.70	+10.8
Clarus Thera Hldgs (CLXT)	.79	-1.01	-67.5
Cleveland-Cliffs Inc (CLF)	27.74	-1.21	+27.4
Comcast Corp A (CMCSA)	45.71	+.33	-9.2
DiDi Global Inc (DIDI)	1.80	+.08	-63.9
Disney (DIS)	119.95	+1.68	-22.6
EMCOR Group Inc (EME)	114.04	+.19	-10.5
Energy Transfer L.P. (ET)	11.11	-.17	+35.0
Erytech Pharma SA (ERYP)	1.68	+.46	-28.5
Ethan Allen (ETD)	26.46	+.66	+.6
Eversource Energy (ES)	90.69	-1.31	-.3
Exxon Mobil Corp (XOM)	82.26	-2.87	+34.4
Ford Motor (F)	15.19	+.16	-26.9
Freeport McMoran (FCX)	41.65	-.26	-.2
FuelCell Energy (FCEL)	4.52	+.11	-13.1
Gen Dynamics (GD)	239.18	+.39	+14.7
Gen Electric (GE)	89.88	+.81	-4.9
Hartford Fn Sv (HIG)	71.40	-.11	+3.4
Honeywell Intl (HON)	191.82	+1.19	-8.0
Horizon Tech Fin (HRZN)	13.59	-.19	-14.6
Infosys Ltd (INFY)	20.41	+.15	-19.4
Intel Corp (INTC)	47.06	+.52	-8.6
Kaman (KAMN)	41.32	-2.65	-4.2
Keycorp (KEY)	20.63	-.08	-10.8
Lincoln Natl Corp (LNC)	64.31	-.64	-5.8
M&T Bank (MTB)	174.00	+1.59	+13.3
MGM Resorts Intl (MGM)	42.03	+.95	-6.4
Meta Platforms Inc (FB)	186.99	+2.88	-44.4
STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD %CHG
MetLife Inc (MET)	69.08	-.48	+10.5
Microsoft Corp (MSFT)	280.72	+6.69	-16.5
Mullen Automotive (MULN)	1.39	-.09	-73.4
Nkarta Inc (NKTX)	18.72	+10.95	+22.0
Novartis AG (NVS)	90.44	+1.23	+3.4
Nvidia Corporation (NVDA)	199.02	+3.87	-32.3
Occid Petl (OXY)	54.92	-1.70	+89.4
Otis Worldwide Corp (OTIS)	74.60	+1.18	-14.3
Palantir Technol (PLTR)	12.11	+1.15	-33.5
Pfizer Inc (PFE)	48.95	+.82	-17.1
Pitney Bowes (PBI)	4.62	+.06	-30.3
Prudential Fncl (PRU)	113.99	-1.84	+5.3
Pub Svc Ent Gp (PEG)	72.64	-1.24	+8.9
Raytheon Technolog (RTX)	99.61	-.88	+15.7
Redbox Entertainmnt (RDBX)	3.92	+1.07	-47.1
Rogers Corp (ROG)	273.00	+.20	...
SS&C Technologies (SSNC)	68.89	+.20	-16.0
Snap Inc A (SNAP)	29.91	+.15	-36.4
SoFi Technologies (SOFI)	6.55	+.16	-58.6
Sthwstn Energy (SWN)	7.43	...	+59.4
Stanley Black & Deck (SWK)	141.48	-.01	-25.0
Starwood Prop Trust (STWD)	23.83	-.03	-1.9
Sundial Growers Inc (SNDL)	.53	+.01	-8.1
Sunshine BioPharma (SBFM)	4.01	+.68	+67.8
Terex Corp (TEX)	34.36	+.24	-21.8
Travelers Cos (TRV)	174.44	+1.33	+11.5
Twitter Inc (TWTR)	51.70	+2.77	+19.6
Uber Technologies (UBER)	32.44	+1.61	-22.6
United Rentals (URI)	313.28	-1.39	-5.7
UnitedHealth Group (UNH)	524.27	+3.33	+4.4
Verizon Comm (VZ)	50.28	-1.63	-3.2
Veru Inc (VERU)	14.10	+2.89	+139.4
Virtus Invest (VRTS)	197.42	+.78	-33.6
Voya Financial (VOYA)	66.34	-.11	...
Warner Bros Disc A (WBD)	21.50	+.93	-12.9
Webster Financial (WBS)	50.08	-.02	-10.3
Wells Fargo & Co (WFC)	45.83	-.51	-4.5
White Mtns Insur (WTM)	1061.25	+19.68	+4.7
World Wrestling Ent (WWE)	60.81	-.18	+23.2
XPO Logistics Inc (XPO)	57.20	+1.47	-26.1
Xerox Holdings Corp (XRX)	17.66	+.53	-22.0
Yamana Gold Inc (AUV)	5.58	-.33	+32.2

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OP-ED

In time of mental health crisis, look to schools

By Tichianaa Armah

A promising, active 11-year-old girl suddenly becomes withdrawn at home. Her mother suspects depression. Mom calls her insurance provider for an in-net-work list and finds most therapists, psychiatrists and nurse practitioners with openings have cash-only private practices. Those few taking insurance are not accepting new patients. Without an appointment, she is desperate for somewhere to turn.

As a psychiatrist and mother of two young children, people often ask me where to turn for mental health services for their children. The barrage of inquiries come from parents and guardians from all walks of life and all regions. It was true before 2020, and the urgency has grown to a fever pitch since the pandemic began. African Americans, long culturally resistant to mental health care, have joined the swelling ranks of those seeking interventions. An encouraging trend, but still the demand must be met.

One of my first questions to parents is, “What school does your child attend?”

This question comes after 10 years working at a federally qualified health center organization providing integrated primary care to 150,000 state residents. Of the nearly 18,000 patients who sought our mental health services in 2021, more than 8,000 were children — a 22% spike in just two years. Some came through our outpatient clinics, but many found mental health care down the hall from their classrooms, in one of the 150-plus school-based health centers (SBHCs) we run across Connecticut.

Children with access to SBHCs experience one of the most effective routes to mental health care in the country. SBHCs are functioning partnerships between schools and local health care organizations, to address lack of access for children living in vulnerable communities. These



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full-service clinics deliver integrated medical, dental health and behavioral health care right on school grounds, serving all children in attendance, regardless of insurance status.

The data is compelling. Studies show that in schools with SBHCs, children had fewer school absences, discipline problems and course failures. One study showed the rate of emergency and urgent care visits by adolescents dropped by as much as 38% to 55%. Another revealed health care costs decreased significantly as well. African American and Latinx adolescents in urban districts who relied on SBHCs were 21 times more likely to seek mental health care than their peers. Having readily accessible school-based mental health services also helps destigmatize such care.

Our opening scenario is typical: A young African American girl’s grades suddenly

plummet. She is withdrawn. Mom’s search for a therapist hits one obstacle after another. The child’s concerned teacher directs her mother to our SBHC’s online enrollment form. Mom signs the consents online and within 48 hours, a licensed SBHC therapist has scheduled an intake.

The beauty of this intervention? Time. Timely access to care. Mother and child don’t miss hours of school or work traveling to appointments, mom can join by video. Later, the child is able to walk into the therapist’s office without appointments, empowered to open up when she feels ready. The therapy reveals she has been a victim of bullying by a classmate, triggering a loss of self-esteem. The student learns, in a safe space with a trusted therapist, that she is not alone. She finally feels comfortable sharing the pain of the harassment. Now, the adults can help.

Often, that can be enough. But sometimes, depression persists. An evaluation with a psychiatrist in our organization is only a click away. If medication is indicated, it can be administered in a timely manner, with parents’ consent. Within weeks, a problem that could have seriously escalated, is effectively addressed.

SBHC-provided mental health care helps overcome the hurdles children and families often face when seeking such services. Mental health professionals often appear in-network for hospital hours. But the extra paperwork and delayed payment for outpatient services often drive mental health clinicians to not accept insurance for their practices. Also, many providers are simply stretched beyond capacity.

There has been some growth in clinician numbers in recent years. Yet there is still a severe dearth of mental health care workers to meet the crushing demand. The shortage is most acute in low-income and rural communities.

America’s children are experiencing a mental health crisis. SBHCs are both a sustainable and high-impact solution to this critical problem. SBHCs remove obstacles to mental health care access, diminish stigma around mental health care for children, address racial disparities and keep children in school.

This story of a promising 6th grader might have ended tragically like so many others, another headline of bullying and depression, evident only after that child who suffered in silence is gone. Prevention and access not only saves money. It also saves children’s lives.

There should always be a place to turn.

Dr. Tichianaa Armah is chief psychiatry officer at the Community Health Center Inc. She teaches and supervises mental health professionals and provides direct psychiatric care in dual languages with a focus on the most vulnerable and underserved.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fighting to preserve ax factory complex

In the April 19 article “Officials eager to keep alive proposal for reviving ax factory complex” [Connecticut, Page 1], homeowner Louis Nye alleges that the developer and the planning and zoning commission are “overlooking their responsibility to community safety, historic preservation and general community welfare.” Mr. Nye claims that industrial heritage (IH) zone regulations were revised to accommodate the developer and is suing him and the P&Z commission, effectively halting progress on the project. The Collinsville Historic District Commission reviewed the developer’s proposed revisions to the IH zone, requested a change that assures that the design and work of new and existing buildings will be consistent with the Secretary of the Interior’s standards and guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings, and endorsed revisions pertaining to historic preservation. The CHDC supports the proposed project and believes it will preserve the historical integrity of the factory and, more importantly, the town itself.

As a structural engineer involved with hundreds of historic preservation proj-

ects throughout Connecticut over the past 40 years, it is my opinion that if Mr. Nye is successful in his suit and ends this project, he might be leading it toward its destruction, not its preservation.

James K. Grant, Collinsville

The writer is the Collinsville Historic District commissioner
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Nuking Moscow is not the answer

Paul Vozzella’s letter [April 19, “Time to muscle up and show Putin our might”] calls for us to challenge Putin to a nuclear showdown. Does he really think blowing Moscow Square off the map would end it all? That a dictator like Vladimir Putin would pull his in tail and halt his war? To attack Russia with nuclear weapons would be the end of civilization as we know it.

Pam Bergren, Glastonbury

White people need to dismantle white supremacy

A letter writer called on women’s basketball coach Dawn Staley to call for an end to

South Carolina’s honoring the Confederacy. These racist symbols need to go. And as white person, I believe that it’s primarily our responsibility — leaders and citizens — to dismantle white supremacy wherever it exists. Black people have carried these heavy burdens long enough. If we really believe in racial justice, it’s white folks who need to step up and carry the ball.

Alison L. Johnson, Middletown

Don’t be afraid of Putin, attack him

Do world leaders really believe that a unified effort by the U.S. and NATO against Russian invaders will lead Vladimir Putin to pushing the planet to nuclear Armageddon? It’s time to show the Russian thug that the free world will no longer tolerate his evil violation of a country whose only crime is wanting to be free. Unless the Russian dictator meets physical resistance, he will continue the Ukrainian slaughter. If he meets resistance, he will not rush to explode the planet. Like all frightened bullies, he will back down. The failure of the West to mount a military counterattack has become a moral disgrace.

Jack Pasanen, Burlington

OP-ED

Stories from my life as a (bearded) dinosaur

By Paul Keane

There’s a 200-pound dinosaur in my house. It is 4 feet long and 2½ feet high. It’s made out of metal pieces welded together by a student of mine in shop class about 15 years ago.

When he put it up for sale I paid \$75 for it. It took a truck and two people to move it to my house. Today it is in my guest room, which I call “The Dinosaur Room.” I don’t know what it was but something about that dinosaur made me want to own it the moment I saw it.

A few years later (2012) I retired after 25 years of teaching high school English. I started writing opinion pieces for various publications, including The Valley News and The Cleveland Plain Dealer, perhaps 100 pieces over the past 10 years.

Gradually I have come to realize through that writing process that I not only have a Dinosaur Room but I have become a dinosaur myself. What was commonplace to me in the 1960s and 1970s seems like ancient history, even a mystery to others: “What ever are you talking about?” is a question I feel my younger readers silently asking me to explain.

One of those commonplaces to me but not to younger folk sits right at the end of my nose: The two-decade difficulty caused by my beard and mustache from 1964-84.

It has literally been on my face since I was a freshman at Ithaca College in 1964. At that time there were 1,200 students at Ithaca College and only two of them had a beard: Judd Shanker and me.

Judd was an anti-war activist and his beard was a great bushy broom. I was in the debate club and my beard was a Shakespearean affair, which neatly framed my face with hair. It’s been that way ever since, 58 years now.

Two beards out of 1,200 Ithaca students



Paul Keane keeps this in his guest room, which he calls “The Dinosaur Room.” PAUL KEANE

was a tiny number. When the president of the college held a forum I decided to put him on the spot, standing out as one of two beards myself on campus, by asking him in front of about 300 students “Dr. Dillingham, what do you think of students who wear beards?”

He replied, “I like some beards. I like yours for instance.”

The idea that I, as a student, would feel the need to seek approval by a college president in 1964 for a personal decision such as growing facial hair, clearly makes me a dinosaur in 2022. I was a creature of

the patriarchy.

No student today would think it necessary to ask the president of Dartmouth College at a public event, “President Hanlon, what do you think of male students coloring their hair pink and green?”

But my beard has been an issue more than just in the year 1964. In 1973 I applied for a job in New York State teaching middle school English. By that time I had a freshly minted master’s degree from Kent State University. And beards and long hair were regularly ridiculed on TV by Archie

Bunker as symbols of “commie, long-haired bearded protestors”

The New York school interviewer asked me face to face “If you are hired would you consider shaving your beard?” My polite response, that I liked my neat Shakespearean beard, did not satisfy.

I received a rejection letter stating “We believe your beard would create a community problem.” This seemed ironic to me since the area prided itself on being the home of William H. Seward, secretary of state to President Abraham Lincoln, who had perhaps the most famous beard in American history.

It is hard to explain to readers in 2022 exactly how my beard made me a target of suspicion and fear in the 1960s and ’70s, as if the mere fact of having hair on my face made me an anti-Vietnam War agitator.

Thirteen years after my 1973 beard rejection, I found myself in Vermont, still self-conscious about my facial hair. I had graduated from Yale Divinity School by then, and being a bearded student was nothing unusual at Yale. The Vietnam War ended in 1976 so I was no longer feared as an anti-war protestor.

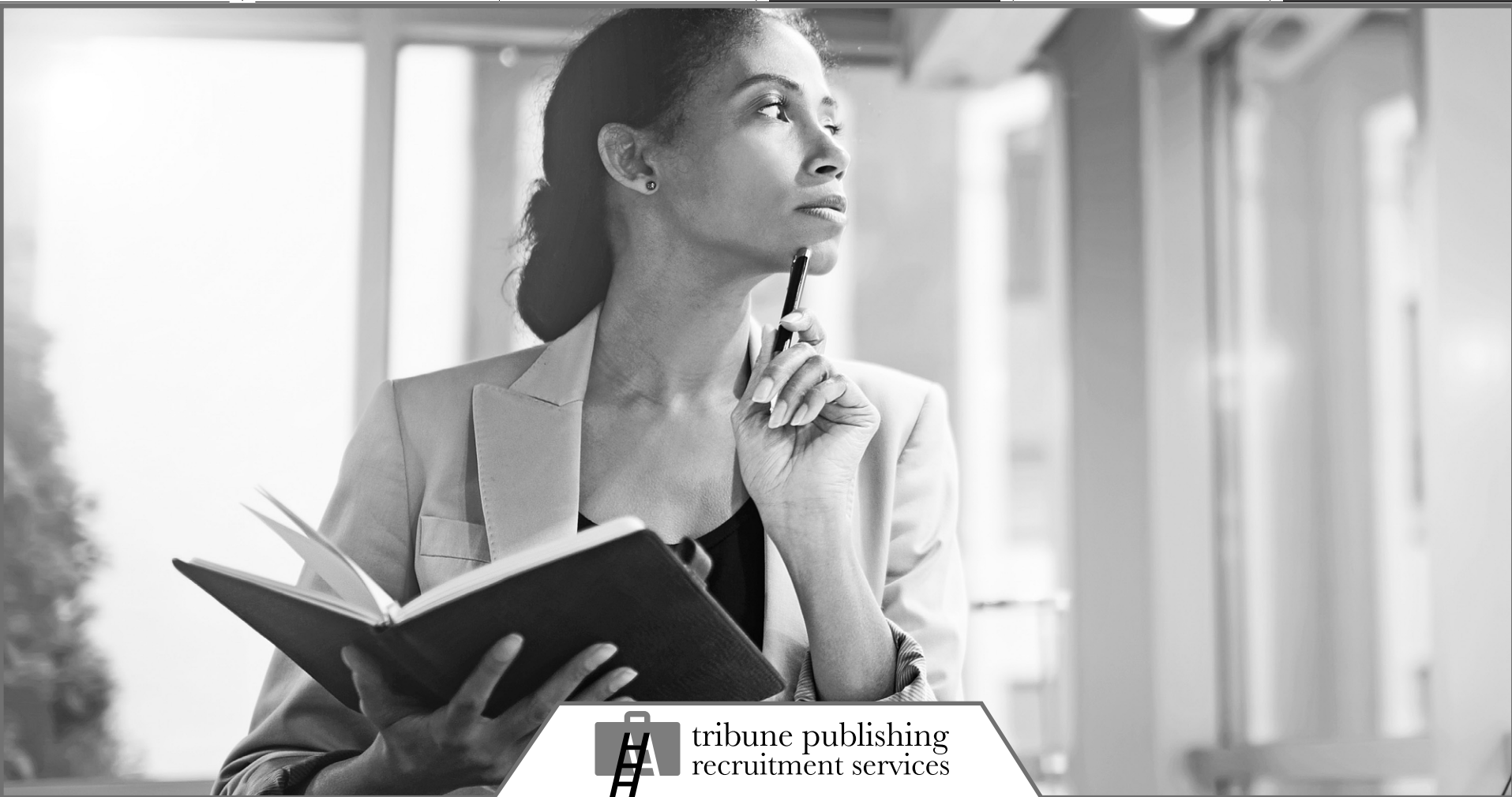
Now suddenly I felt a freedom and comfort I had not felt as a bearded person for decades: Vermont hunters engaged in the annual ritual of growing beards for hunting season. My Shakespearean whiskers were not out of place at all in Vermont of 1986 — they were nothing unusual at all.

Twenty-five years later, I was to retire as a Vermont high school English teacher with every hair of my Shakespearean beard in place — but now white.

Thus began my retired life in 2012 as a dinosaur, writing opinion pieces for journals, explaining the 1960s and 1970s to younger folk, hair by hair.

Paul Keane is a native of Connecticut who is now a retired Vermont teacher.

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* Denotes name listing only.
Please note: not all death notices are in alphabetical order.

OBITUARIES

Dewey, Lorraine



Lorraine (Humphrey) Dewey, 87, of Granby died on Saturday, April 23rd. Predeceased by her husband of 65 years, Paul, she passed away at her home with her family. She is survived by four children: a daughter, Linda, of Granby; a son, Jim, and wife Caron of Worthington, MA; a daughter, Janet Eke, of Princess Anne, MD; and a son, John, of Granby. She also leaves six grandchildren – Melissa Dewey and fiancée Stephen Wakely, Isabella (Dewey) Lambert and husband William, Amanda Dewey, Michael Dewey, David Eke and Benjamin Eke – and two great-grandchildren, Juniper and Desmond Lambert. The daughter of Charles Andrew and Francis (Hurd) Humphrey, Lorraine was born in East Hartland but lived in Granby all her life. She is survived by brother Ronald Humphrey of New Mexico and predeceased by siblings Andrew Humphrey, Irwin Humphrey and Marcella King. Lorraine attended Granby schools, including the Cooley Road one-room schoolhouse, until high school where in 1952 she graduated from Simsbury High. As a teenager, when her mother became ill, Lorraine cared for her younger siblings and managed the household for her father. Upon graduation, she was employed by Connecticut Bank & Trust as a bookkeeper. Family was at the center of Lorraine's life. She loved being a wife and mother of four and took pleasure staying home to raise them. Known for her cooking and baking, which she did with her children and later her grandchildren, she also enjoyed canning fruits and freezing produce from the family garden. She preferred making everything from scratch, including pies, donuts, ice cream and juice from home-grown Concord grapes. Her industriousness and competence created a well-organized household. Her hobbies included perennial gardening, sewing and quilting, and collecting antique glassware and coins. She was admired by her children and grandchildren for her generosity. Interested in family genealogy, she spent years researching and documenting the Humphrey and Hurd family histories. Throughout her life, Lorraine volunteered in various organizations in the Granby community. In the 1960s and 1970s, she served in various capacities in the Girl Scouts, and in the 1980s was chair of the Gran Bees Quilt Club. She was a lifelong and active member in both the Granby Historical Society and the South Congregational Church. She particularly enjoyed being on the Sow & Reap Garden Club and contributing to its annual Plant Sale. In the 1990s, Lorraine returned to the workforce as a mail carrier for the North Granby Post Office, retiring in 1999. A memorial service celebrating Lorraine's life will be held at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Granby Ambulance Association, 1 Pegville Road, Granby, CT 06035 or Farmington Valley Visiting Nurse Association, 8 Old Mill Ln, Simsbury, CT 06070. Hayes-Huling & Carmon Funeral Home of Granby has care of the arrangements. For condolences please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com.



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Riley, John Leo



John "Jack" Leo Riley, 76, of Mansfield, formerly of New Britain, passed away peacefully on April 21, 2022 at Hartford Hospital. For service information or to leave online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com.

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Thody, Donald E.

Donald Ellsworth Thody, 85, of Haddam, formerly of Durham, beloved husband of Maria (Missenti) Thody died suddenly at his home. Don was born in Middletown, son of the late August R. Thody and Doris E. (Bailey/Thody) Narocky. Prior to his several retirements, Don, was employed as a heavy equipment operator with Wimler Construction, Butler Construction, Xenelis Construction, Cherry Hill Construction, and Empire Paving. Besides his wife, Maria, Don is survived by two sons, Donald Thody of Middletown and Jason Thody of Hartford, five grandchildren, and a sister, Doris Evarts of North Carolina. He was predeceased by his son, Richard Thody. The Funeral Liturgy will be held Thursday April 28, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. at Saint Pius X Church, 310 Westfield Street, Middletown. Burial will follow at Mica Hill Cemetery. Friends may call at Biega Funeral Home, 3 Silver Street, Middletown on Wednesday from 4 to 7 p.m. Memorial contributions may be sent to the Haddam Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 194, Higganum, CT 06441. To share memories or express condolences online please visit www.biegafuneralhome.com.

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OBITUARIES

Miecznikowski, Richard J.



Richard J. Miecznikowski, 80, of Bristol, beloved husband of Mary Ann (Sitka) Miecznikowski, died on Sunday (April 24, 2022) at home. Funeral services will be held on Friday (April 29, 2022) at 10 AM from Funk Funeral Home, 35 Bellevue Ave., Bristol, to St. Stanislaus Church, 510 West St., Bristol, for a Mass of Christian Burial at 11 AM. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery, Bristol. Relatives and friends may call at Funk Funeral Home on Thursday between 4 and 7 PM. To read his complete obituary, please visit Rich's memorial web-site at www.FunkFuneralHome.com



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Anselment, Raymond



Raymond Albin Anselment, 82, of Storrs, CT walked the way of nature on April 23, 2022. The second of Angella, née Lenich, and Lawrence Anselment's four children, he was born in Ely Minnesota on December 4, 1939. His father wanted their children to have opportunities for education he did not have. And they did. Ray received a PhD in English literature from the University of Rochester. In graduate school he met Carol Kowal. After they were married he joined the faculty at the University of Rochester.

Throughout forty-three years in the English Department at the University of Connecticut, teaching was a significant source of fulfillment. Research and writing reflected his interest in literary history. A fellow of the Royal Historical Society, among his publications are books on Early Modern religious prose satire, Loyalists' poetic responses to the English Civil War, and seventeenth-century literature and medicine. In addition to numerous essays on a range of authors and topics, he transcribed manuscripts of three late seventeenth-century women in scholarly editions of their writing.

Though he did not return to Minnesota as often as he had wished, he welcomed the chance to appreciate the beauty of the state's northern wilderness, lakes, and Boundary Waters. More often he returned to England. With Carol and their daughter, Jessica, he had memorable sabbatical years in Oxford and in Cambridge. For over twenty years he and his wife also lived for a month almost every year in London, where he took the Northern Line from Hampstead to the British Library. Besides the London theatre, he looked forward to revisiting its museums and galleries, especially the National Portrait Gallery, Tate Britain, and the Courtauld. When the weather cooperated, he jogged each morning on Hampstead Heath, often in the dark. On a Sunday morning he and Carol might wander in Regent's Park and sit in an arbor among the myriad roses or walk on the South Bank along the Thames. Each visit to London they also enjoyed a pint at The Lamb and fish and chips from a take-away on Leigh Street.

He leaves Carol, his companion and support during 58 years of marriage; their daughter Jessica Wollmar, her husband Christer, and their children Annie and Audrey, whom he taught to fish. He also leaves his sisters Lois Anselment, Florence Anderson and her husband Donn, and Lynese Nowak and her husband John; as well as sisters-in-law Bonnie Sullivan and Joan Soltyz and eight nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 30, 2022 at 2:30pm at St. Mark's Episcopal Chapel, 42 North Eagleville Rd, Storrs. In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to the Friends of the Mansfield Public Library. For an online memorial guestbook, please visit www.potterfuneralhome.com

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Haas, Paul F.



Paul F. Haas, Sr., died Friday April 22, 2022. He was the son of the late Joseph and Elizabeth (Ryan) Haas, was born in Union, NJ, October 4, 1929. He was pre-deceased by his brother Joseph and sisters Dolores and Margaret. He is survived by his brother William. Paul lived life to the fullest and departed gracefully with his family at his side. He leaves his wife of 68 years,



Margaret "Peggy" Haas. In the last several months of his life his sole focus was to spend more time with Peggy. Paul and Peggy met while he attended Seton Hall University. He was a veteran of the Korean War. Paul's life was marked by love in action fulfilling the words of his namesake, St. Paul. He lived the characteristics of love daily by being patient, kind, humble, selfless, honest, and forgiving. Paul was an insurance agent for Allstate for 47 years. He was active in the community serving on the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority, State of Connecticut Safety Commission, Glastonbury Planning and Zoning, Glastonbury Chamber of Commerce and church parish councils in West Hartford and Glastonbury. Paul loved sailing, starting as a young boy on Indian Lake, NJ, and then later sailed Narragansett Bay during summers. He shared that love with his family during many long summer sails. He retired to his summer home in 2001 landscaping the property, walking and talking to friends on the beautiful horseshoe beach. Paul leaves behind four children, seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Paul Haas, Jr (Doreen), Timothy Haas (Gayann), Peter Haas (Vicki) and Margaret Donovan (Todd). Grandchildren: Catherine Jalowiec (Ryan), Andrew Haas, Stephanie Haas, Madison Haas, Benjamin Haas, Caitlin Donovan and Thomas Donovan. All will miss him dearly. Paul enjoyed bible study and participated in several groups: Sts. Isadore and Maria (Glastonbury), St. Patrick-St. Anthony (Hartford), and St. Thomas More (Narragansett). He passed his deep and abiding faith onto his children. During his last months, he was able to share his faith with his caregiver Gus Ayensu, to whom the whole family is very grateful. Many thanks to the nursing staff and Hospice Team at Hartford Hospital for guiding Paul and the family through this emotional time. A mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday April 29 at 11am in Ss. Isidore and Maria Parish at St. Paul Church, 2577 Main St. Glastonbury. Burial will follow in Holy Cross Cemetery, Glastonbury. Friends may call at the Mulryan Funeral Home, 725 Hebron Ave., Glastonbury on Thursday April 28 from 5-7pm. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the House of Bread, <https://www.hobread.org/> For online condolences please visit www.mulryanfh.com.



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Drake, Kenneth F



Kenneth "Ken" Drake peacefully passed away April 18, 2022 while listening to "Heart of Gold" by Neil Young and surrounded by his children. He was born July 9, 1958 and lived a full life. He was preceded in death by his parents, Deloris and Herbert Drake; and brother, Richard "Ricky" Drake. He is survived by his three children, Melissa Kirk (James), Ian Drake (Heike), and Emily Drake along with his three grandchildren, Emma-Kate, Olivia, and Jareth; and many family and friends.

He was born and raised in Connecticut, spending most of his life in East Hampton and Clinton. He had a love for music that he shared with all around him. His presence was easily known through his booming voice and cheerful laugh. He spent many years coaching Clinton Youth soccer teams, attending field trips, and supporting his children in all their endeavors. He could often be found outside having a love for hiking, fishing, hunting, and sitting at Misquamicut enjoying the sounds of the waves. His presence will be missed, but we know he will remain in our hearts forever.

His family will be hosting a celebration of life this summer. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made in his name to the Jimmy Fund or a charity of your choice.

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Foss, Maureen



Maureen Foss, 85, of Southington passed away peacefully April 23, 2022. She was born July 1936 in Hartford, CT to James and Catherine Quigley. She is predeceased by her sister Jean Q. Shea and her brother James Quigley. She leaves behind her husband of 65 years, Philip E. Foss and their 5 children and spouses. Patricia & Jim Gibson of East Berlin, CT, Philip Foss and Liva Ferraz of Destin, Fla, Sheila Foss Swanson and Craig Swanson of New Britain, CT, Steven and Kim Foss of Thomaston, CT and Elizabeth and Greg Godston of Southington, CT.

Maureen graduated from the Saint Francis School of Nursing in 1957 as an R.N and worked in the field of nursing in various positions until her retirement from the State of CT in 2003.

She enjoyed traveling and has been to Ireland, Italy, Alaska and many locations across the United States. She enjoyed spending time with her friends and family. Maureen was an active member and founder of St. Dominic's Church. She also worked as a docent at the New Britain Museum of American Art, she was on the founding board of Margaret C. Griffin Child Development Center, the first childcare center in Southington. She enjoyed spending time with her neighborhood knitting group. We are not sure how many projects she completed with the knitting group but she absolutely loved the ladies and the treats! She also took on the huge challenge of gathering her family's genealogy.

Maureen has 13 grandchildren 9 great grandchildren and one more great grand on the way, who will miss her very much.

Our grateful thanks to The Franciscan Home and Hospice Care of Meriden with special thanks to Mary Barbagallo and LiveWell of Southington for their kind and compassionate care.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held on Friday, April 29th at 11:30 a.m. at St. Dominic Church 1050 Flanders Rd., Southington. Burial will follow at South End Cemetery. Calling hours will be prior to the Mass from 9-11 a.m. at the DellaVecchia Funeral Home, 211 N. Main St., Southington. For online condolences and directions please visit, www.dellavecchiasouthington.com

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McArthur, Elizabeth D.



Elizabeth (Dimock) McArthur, daughter of the late Earl and MaeBelle (Thompson) Dimock, born June 11, 1918, died on April 22, 2022 in Framingham, MA. A resident of Framingham, she was born and educated in Scranton, PA. She studied piano at the Scranton Conservatory of Music, graduated from the Sherman School of Expression and from Keystone Jr. College. She received a Bachelor's degree in Religious Education from the Hartford Seminary, Hartford, CT and a Master's degree in Education from Central Connecticut State University. She also studied piano at the Hartt School of Music in Hartford, CT.

Under the auspices of the Connecticut Conference of Congregational Churches she was co-founder and co-director of the first inter-racial preschool in Hartford, which later became part of the Head Start program. She taught at the Dominick Burns School in Hartford for seven years. She was active in many church and community organizations, serving on the Board of the Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired and on the Board of the South Hadley Chorale, singing with the Chorale for twenty years. She was a docent for the Mt. Holyoke College Art Museum. She served as President of Church Women United of Windham County in Vermont. She was a member of the Quibus Club of South Hadley. In 1948-1949 while her husband taught at Wellesley College she served as Director of Education at the Wellesley Hills Congregational Church in Wellesley Hills, MA.

She was the wife of the late Harvey McArthur, Sr. Hosmer Professor Emeritus of Hartford Theological Seminary, and as such helped in organizing student wives' groups. She was an active member of Immanuel Congregational Church in Hartford for thirty years, and of Center Congregational Church in South Hadley, MA. She leaves three children, Harvey McArthur of Aurora, Illinois and his wife Pattie Thompson, John McArthur of Berkeley, California and his wife Mara Luckmann, and Pam McArthur of Framingham, Massachusetts and her wife Beth Schine; two grandchildren, Aaron Schine of Brooklyn, New York and Alexander Luckmann of Santa Barbara, California; and two nieces, Karen Pechanek of North Carolina, and Linda Tafel of New Jersey. She was pre-deceased by three brothers, Burritt, William, and John.

A memorial service will be held at Center Congregational Church in South Hadley, MA at 2:00pm on Sunday, May 1. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to Central Congregational Church, 1 Church St, South Hadley MA 01075. Beers & Story South Hadley Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements. Please visit www.beersandstory.com

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Gaffney, Henry "Hank" M.

Funeral services for Henry "Hank" M. Gaffney Relatives and friends may gather with Hank's family on Friday, April 29, 2022 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm followed by a Prayer Service at Browne Memorial Chapels, Enfield, CT. Committal services with Military Honor will be held on Saturday April 30, 2022 at 11:00 am, (gathering at the cemetery) in St. Patrick's King St. Cemetery, Enfield.

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DePaola, Dorine M.



Dorine M. DePaola passed away peacefully on April 18, 2022, after a courageous battle with gastric cancer. She was born in Waterbury on November 19, 1952 to the late Adeline (DeFazio) and Frank DePaola. Dorine was a 1970 graduate of New Britain High School and a 1974 graduate of the University of Connecticut. She worked as a computer programmer at The Travelers for many years and then as a computer consultant for Howard Associates. She went on to become a highly regarded software engineer at ESPN in Bristol for over twenty years until her retirement in 2015. While at ESPN, she was a member of an Emmy award winning applications and data team. Dorine is survived by her husband, Paul Gudaitis of Bristol, her beloved sister, Diane Aldi DePaola and her husband John Aldi of Old Saybrook, her brother, Francis M. DePaola of Southington, and her nephews John Paul Aldi and wife Chayna and Michael F. Aldi and wife Nicole. She also leaves behind her cherished great-nieces, Mila and Viviana and adored great-nephews, Michael and Jack and several loving cousins. Dorine loved her cats and tending to her beautiful flower gardens and her koi pond. She was an absolutely devoted wife to Paul. She will be so missed by her family and her many friends. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on April 28, 2022 at St. Anne Church, 215 West St. Bristol, CT. There are no calling hours. DellaVecchia Funeral Home, 211 N. Main St. is assisting with arrangements. Donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 200 Executive Blvd. Suite 48, Southington, CT 06489. For online condolences and directions please visit www.dellavecchiasouthington.com

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Brown, Mary M.



Mary M. Brown, 71 passed away at home on Monday April 18, 2022. She was born in Hartford Ct to the late Robert and Florence McCue. Mary was a kind and loving sister, aunt and friend. Left to cherish her memory are her sister Elizabeth McCue of Greeneville TN, her brothers Peter McCue of Wethersfield Ct. and Robert McCue of South Carolina, step son David Brown, Jr of Maryland and her two nephews, niece, and great nephew. Mary graduated from Wethersfield High School and worked for the State of Ct for 27 years. She retired in 2013 from the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. A Graveside Service will be held in the Rose Hill Memorial Park, 580 Elm Street Rocky Hill, CT. Thursday April 28, 2022 at 11AM. Friends and family may arrive for calling hour at Rose Hill Funeral Home from 10-11am to say their goodbyes. Please share online expressions of sympathy, memories or photo tributes at www.rosehillfuneralhomes.com

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Rickard, Earl K.



Earl K. "Rick" Rickard, 91, of Enfield, entered into eternal rest on Saturday, April 23, 2022 at Suffield House. He was born in Matamoras, PA on September 1, 1930, beloved son of the late William K. and Muriel A. (Ballard) Rickard. Rick served his country admirably in the United States Navy from 1950 to 1954. He moved to CT in 1960 and was employed as a department manager for Combustion Engineering for many years. Outside of work, Rick enjoyed woodworking, and traveling with Gloria, his beloved companion of over 25 years. He joyfully assumed the role of Grandpa to Gloria's grandchildren Jessica and Mike and was ever present at their sporting events and many milestones of their lives. Rick will be remembered for his gentle, kind, and generous spirit by all those whose lives he touched. He is survived by his son Wayne, his grandchildren, Amberlynn and Jadelyn Rickard; his sister Laura Pellitteri; his extended family, Joe Natale and his fiancée Jeannie Buck, and Jessica Natale Sardella and Michael Natale, who knew him as Grandpa. In addition to his parents, Rick was predeceased by his wife Patricia (Petersen) Rickard, his sister, Helen Fink, and his beloved companion, Gloria Natale. All services will be private, at the convenience of the family. Donations in Rick's memory may be made to Americares <https://secure.americares.org/>. For online condolences, please visit www.leetestevens.com.

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Lecaros, Sarah T.(Petig)



Sarah Therese (Petig) Lecaros, 28, beloved wife to Yerico Larcaros of Hartford and daughter of LeeAnn (Pogliitsch) and Lester Petig of East Hartford, entered into God's care on Wednesday, April 20, 2022. Sarah was born in New Britain and also resided in East Hartford. She had been employed by Amica Insurance Company as an Account Representative. She enjoyed spending time with her family and friends and most importantly, her son, and will be remembered for the way she would make others laugh and her contagious smile. In addition to her beloved husband, Yerico and parents, she will also be dearly missed by her young son, Antonio Julian Lecaros, her three brothers; Richard J. and Kevin R. Kennedy and William F. Petig, a sister, Jaime M. Kennedy-Tinti and special nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her paternal grandparents, Elna and William Petig, maternal grandparents, Robert and Frances Sarley, her Uncle and Aunt Robert and Debra Petig and her god-mother, who was very special to her, Margaret Beegley. A time of visitation will be held Wednesday, April 27, 2022 from 4-7pm at the D'Esopo East Hartford Memorial Chapel, 30 Carter St., East Hartford. Visitation will conclude with a Prayer Service at 6:45pm. Burial services will be private. For detailed obituary, please visit desopoeh.com.



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Cockerham , James M

Jim Cockerham born 9/27/1948 in Manchester CT Passed away peacefully 4/22/2022 surrounded by family. Predeceased by parents John Cockerham& Dorothy Maulucci and brothers David, William, & Roy Cockerham. He is survived by his children Kenda & husband Randy Rioux, James & wife Noelle Zeppa, Mandy Richards: many grandchildren and a great grandchild as well as brothers John of Florida, Gary of Cape Cod, sister Kathy of CT. Burial will be April 28 at State Veterans Cemetery 317 Bow Lane Middletown, Ct, at 12 pm, reception to follow at Violì's, 1pm, 688 West Field Rd Meriden CT

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DeCorleto, Andrew J., Sr.



Andrew J. DeCorleto, Sr., 82, of Old Saybrook, passed away peacefully on April 23, 2022. Andrew is survived by his beloved wife of 49 years, Sue DeCorleto, children Belle and Paul Loomis, Donna Frizzell and Jeff Ogren, Andrea and Jon Beaty, Nicholas and Lisa DeCorleto, Andrew DeCorleto, Jr. and Teresa Goding, Michael and Karen DeCorleto, and Jennifer Olis, sisters Lucy Ellen Callahan and Nell Marie and Vincent Motto, brothers-in-Law Alan and Donna Mardirosian, and Richard and Linda Mardirosian, 20 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. The family will receive relatives and friends on Thursday, April 28 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm at Mulryan Funeral Home, 725 Hebron Avenue, Glastonbury. A service will be held on Friday, April 29 at 11:30 am at St. George Armenian Church, 22 White Street, Hartford. A private burial will be held at the family's convenience. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Andrew's name may be made to St. George Armenian Church. For online condolences, please visit www.mulryanfh.com.



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Barao, John



John Barao, 72, of Suffield, beloved husband of Sherilyn (Pickering) Barao passed away on Thursday, April 21, 2022 at St. Francis Hospital, Hartford. Born April 19, 1950 in New Bedford, MA, son of the late John S. Barao and Elsie (Sousa) Barao. Before retiring he was employed at Manchester Honda as a salesman for many years. He was an avid NASCAR fan. Besides his wife, Sheri, he is survived by a son Brian J. Barao of Hartford; his lifelong friends, Robert and Anita Athridge of Casselberry, FL; and his canine friend "Molly." His family will receive friends on Wednesday, April 27, 2022 from 10-11 AM followed by a memorial service at 11:00 AM at Nicholson & Carmon Funeral Home, 443 East St., N. (Rt. 159), Suffield. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Suffield at the conveniences of the family. In John's honor his son Brian will be completing the New England Ride to End ALZ on "Team JB". This 100 mile bike ride raises research funds for the Alzheimer's Association. In lieu of flowers you may support this effort by donating at: <http://act.alz.org/goto/TeamJB>. To leave on-line condolences please visit www.carmon-funeralhome.com



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Mogielnicki, Michael J.



Although we lost our dear son, brother, and uncle, Michael Mogielnicki; on November 18, 2021, we have held on to the hope that one day we would again be surrounded by family and friends to honor his life. We will do this, together with his dad, John on Friday, April 29, 2022; A Mass of Christian Burial will commence at 10:00 A.M. at Holy Apostle Parish (St. John the Evangelist Church) at 655 East Street, New Britain. He will be laid to rest in the family plot in Fairview Cemetery. Share a condolence or a special memory of Michael at www.luddyandpetersonfh.com.

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Kormylo, Mona



Mona (Caron) Kormylo, 71, of East Hampton and formerly of Glastonbury, widow of the late Thomas Kormylo, passed away at Middlesex Hospital after a brief illness on Thursday, April 21, 2022 with her children by her side. Born May 29, 1950 in Baker Lake, N.B. Canada, she was the daughter of the late Joachim and Albina (Dube) Caron and the last of eight siblings. She leaves behind her son, Eric Kormylo and his wife, Pam, of Enterprise, Alabama, her daughter, Kara Paulauskas, and her husband, Mark, of East Hampton, and her two beloved grandchildren, Evan Kormylo and Raleigh Paulauskas. She is survived by three sisters, Hugette Lemire, Priscilla Thibeault and Louise Parent and her husband, Richard, and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by two sisters, Edwina Charette and Rena Cote, and her two brothers, Raymond Caron and Percy Caron. Mona retired after 40 years as a Deli Manager with Finast, Edwards and then Stop and Shop. She adored being "Grammy" to her two grandchildren. For those of us that were lucky enough to have Mona in our lives, our memories with her will live on forever in our hearts. Services will be planned for a later date. To leave online condolences please visit www.spencerfuneralhomeinc.com

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Creswell, Luther F ("Skip")

A Celebration of Life Service for Luther "Skip" Creswell, 84, who passed away April 13, 2022, will be held on Saturday April 30, 2022 at 11:00am at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 1125 Stafford Ave., Bristol, CT

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Mogielnicki, John F.



John F. Mogielnicki of New Britain passed away peacefully on April 18, 2022 at home with his family at the age of 86. Son of the late John and Lucy (Sirianni). After graduating high school in 1953, he enrolled in the U.S. Army. Upon discharge, he went to work for the U.S. Post Office, retiring in 2003 after 47 years of service "walking the route." He will be deeply missed by all, mostly by his beloved wife of 62 years Carol (Goulet) and his son Mark, and Grampy to Sarah and Kyle. He loved attending their numerous shows, sporting events, and milestones. He loved vacationing at the beach, especially to Hampton Beach, Cape Cod, and Aruba. He especially enjoyed the annual vacation to Old Lyme, with his entire family, including the grandkids. He looked forward to going to local fairs and enjoyed attending the GHO/Traveler's Championship every year. He was predeceased by his son, Michael, who passed on November 18, 2021 and his brother Richard. John always was an incredibly hard worker and took great pride in being a wonderful provider for his family. He will be missed by his wife, family, and many friends. His hope would be for everyone to always remember all of the good times and laughs along the way. Friends may greet the family on Friday, April, 29, 2022 at 9:30 A.M. at the Holy Apostles Parish (St. John the Evangelist Church) at 655 East Street, New Britain. A Mass of Christian Burial will commence at 10:00 A.M. where we will honor John's life, along with the life of his late son, Michael. Interment will immediately follow to the family plot in Fairview Cemetery in New Britain. Share a condolence or a special memory of John at www.luddyandpetersonfh.com.

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Soprano, Geraldine



Geraldine "Gerry" Theresa (Shorette) Soprano, 94, of Cromwell, passed away on April 4, 2022 at Pilgrim Manor in Cromwell. Born in Millinocket, Maine, she was the daughter of the late Donald, Sr. and Helen (Markie) Shorette. Gerry lived in Bristol and graduated Bristol High School in 1945. She worked at the Ingram watch company. She married John Soprano and brought up her family in New Britain. Gerry was a member of the St John The Evangelist Church in New Britain for many years. She later moved to Cromwell and was a member of Saint John Church and volunteered at the Cromwell Senior Center. Gerry will be remembered for her kindness, generosity and welcoming spirit and will be missed by her family and friends. The family would like to extend their love and gratitude to the all the staff at Pilgram Manor for their exceptional care, love and support. Gerry is survived by her son, John Soprano, Jr. and his wife Claudia of Cromwell and many nieces and nephews. Along with her husband and parents, Gerry was predeceased by her daughter, Jodi Collin, two brothers, Leland Shorette and Donald Shorette, and four sisters, Mabel Campbell, Anita Fontaine, Winnie Campbell and Celia Chamberland. A memorial service will be held on Friday, April 29th at 10:00 am at Saint John Church. Burial will be at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, donations in Gerry's memory may be made to Saint John Church, 5 Saint John Court, Cromwell, CT 06416. Cromwell Funeral Home is handling the arrangements. To share memories or send condolences to the family, please visit www.doolittlefuneralservice.com.

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Huri, Jr., Prescott



Prescott Huri Jr., 60, of Manchester, CT, died unexpectedly on April 22, 2022, from unknown causes. This loss was completely unexpected, and the family is shocked and deeply saddened. Prescott was born on January 6, 1962, to parents Prescott Huri Sr. and Jeanette Huri in Manchester, CT. He enjoyed fishing, artwork collecting coins, spending time with family and collecting football/baseball cards. Prescott is survived by his close family, parents Prescott Huri Sr., his wife Sherry Huri, and Jeanette Huri. His son, Patrick Huri, his fiancé Ashley Schroll, granddaughter Jenna Huri, son Kyle Huri, his wife Kylie Huri, granddaughter Kloie Huri, daughter Grace Huri, and their mother Betsey Huri. His brother, Mark Huri, niece Madelyn Huri, and nephew Mason Huri. Prescott was predeceased by his stepmother Jeanne Huri and grandson Logan Huri. In Prescott's earlier years, he began his career in the printing industry, played softball with Allied Printing, and was a part of the Washington Social Club. Anyone who knew Prescott knew that he was kind, humorous, always a proud father and compassionate. Prescott's family and friends will miss him more than words can say. Family and friends may call on the John F. Tierney Funeral Home, 219 W. Center St., Manchester, on Friday, April 29, 2022, from 4-7 p.m. Burial will be private at the convenience of the family. For online condolences, please visit www.tierneyfuneralhome.com.



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Cronin Sr., Robert J.



Robert J. Cronin, Sr., passed into eternal rest on April 23, 2022. He was born on August 22, 1933 to Joseph and Ernestine (Connolly) Cronin. Bob grew up in Meriden, CT and graduated from Meriden High School in the class of 1951. He graduated from the University of Hartford, where he played baseball as well as in The Greater Hartford League. Bob was employed by the Connecticut Natural Gas Co. in the service department for 30 years. He met Barbara at Hillyer College (University of Hartford) dance. They were married April 30, 1960. They lived in New Britain where they raised their four children, Robert, Jr., Patricia, Brenda and Peggy. He was a loving father, umpiring Little League ball games and chaperoning dances at St. Francis of Assisi School. Bob was a member of the Democratic Town Committee and served on the Housing Board of Appeals and was Chairman of the Board of Tax Review. Cape Cod was an annual Summer vacation for the family. They spent many enjoyable years at Crosswinds Cottages in West Dennis, MA. Bob and Barb loved sailing on their sailboat, "Windsong" on Long Island Sound. They were communicants of St. Francis of Assisi Church, where Bob served as an usher. They also were Presidents of the Mr. & Mrs. Club at the church. After his retirement from the Connecticut Natural Gas Co., they spent their time at their condo in Lakeside Village, Lake Worth, FL. They began to play golf with many friends there. This was their retirement home. They were known as "Snow Birds" as they also maintained a condo at Kensington Woods in Kensington, CT. In Kensington, they were members of the Timberline Golf Club for many years. Bob was a member of the Senior Men's Group. All of his long life, he was a Red Sox fan. Bob & Barb were communicants of St. Paul's Parish in Kensington. Besides his beloved wife he leaves his children, Robert, Jr., and his wife Donna, Patricia DeMar and her husband Larry, Brenda Cronin, Peggy Onofrio and her husband, Bob. He also leaves his grandchildren, Julie DeMar DeLuco and her husband Zack, Emily and Hannah Cronin, Elizabeth and Joe Klopp, Nicholas and Kristen Onofrio and great grandson River Lawrence DeLuco. A Mass of Christian Burial will be Friday (April 29, 2022) at 11:30 AM at St. Paul's Church 485 Alling St. Kensington. Burial will follow in St. Mary Cemetery, New Britain. Visitation will be Friday from 9:00 to 11:00 AM at the Farrell Funeral Home 110 Franklin Sq. New Britain. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Saint Jude's Children's Hospital P.O. Box 50 Memphis, TN 38101-9929 or to the Alzheimer's Resource Center of CT 200 Executive Bldg. Suite 4-B Southington, CT 06479. To send a condolence, please visit www.FarrellFuneralHome.com.

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Robinson, Glynn (O.)



Glynn Ole Robinson, 98 (almost 99!), of Manchester, Connecticut, went home on April 20th 2022. He was born in Ashland, Maine, son of the late Ellery and Jenny (Sholler) Robinson. He volunteered for the United States Marine Corps in June 1941, and served as a Seagoing Marine in the European Theater of operations on the USS Brooklyn, participating in combat actions in the Atlantic Ocean and Mediterranean Sea off the coasts of Morocco, North Africa, Italy, and Southern France. Glynn was discharged from the Marines in June 1947, and settled in London, England, with his new bride, Jennie Amy MacLeod. For the next four years Glynn worked for several employers while studying mathematics and engineering at London Polytechnic. While still in England, Glynn enlisted in the United States Air Force in July 1951 and served in England and South Carolina until July 1955, when he moved to Hazardville, Connecticut, with his family and began employment with Pratt and Whitney Aircraft. Glynn continued his military service when he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force Reserve during 1955. He was commissioned as a captain in 1958, and retired from the Reserves as a lieutenant colonel in April 1983, after more than 37 years of active duty and reserve service. He actively supported and participated in the Civil Air Patrol in Hazardville and Manchester, from 1967 until 1975, providing the cadets and their civilian leaders with advice, guidance, planning, and direction. Glynn was employed at Pratt and Whitney for thirty years, from 1955 to 1985, as a senior computer programmer and systems analyst. Glynn and Jennie moved from Hazardville to Manchester in 1972, and quickly became active in the community. They joined the congregation of Trinity Covenant Church, where Glynn and Jennie were members of the choir, the music committee, and the building committee, and they held several positions of responsibility in the church leadership. Jennie passed away in 2013, and Glynn joined the congregation of Talcottville Congregational Church in 2014, where he participated in worship services until his recent passing. He took extraordinary pride in his home and yard, particularly his roses, and enjoyed playing billiards, darts, chess, cribbage, and especially golf. Along with his parents and beloved bride, Glynn is pre-deceased by his seven siblings. He is survived by his children: Dawne Gagnon and her husband Laurence, of Manchester, Connecticut; David Robinson and his wife, Linda Wedmore, of Knoxville, Tennessee. Glynn is also survived by his four grandchildren, Gwyneth Morrison, Ian Gagnon, Amy Robinson, and Sarah Spadavecchia, and five great-grandchildren, Evan Morrison, Quentin Morrison, Gavin Morrison, Laralyn Morrison, and Maisie Orifice. A memorial service will be held on Thursday, April 28, 2022, at 12:30 p.m., at Trinity Covenant Church, 302 Hackmatack Street, Manchester, Connecticut. To sign the online guestbook or leave a condolence for the family, please visit www.holmeswatkins.com

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Marineau, Gary M.



Gary M. Marineau was born on 4-19-1942 and died on 4-21-2022 at the age of 80. He had a peaceful passing at home in Coventry with family at his side after a long struggle with cancer. Gary was born in Hartford, CT and lived 44 years in Coventry, CT and was married to his loving and caring wife of 51 years, Larain (Pelletier) Marineau.

He leaves behind his children: Gary Marineau Jr. (Lisa), Jeff Marineau, Dean Marineau (Lori), Tim Marineau (Stacy), Lisa Loree (Ronald), close friend of the family Tina Corcoran plus 15 living Grandchildren and 13 Great Grandchildren. His brothers are Marcel Marineau (Carolyn), Richard Marineau (Wanda).

He is pre-deceased by one child, David Marineau, one daughter-in-law (Chrissy), one Grandchild, Courtney Marineau and his parents, Emil Marineau and Marion (Wiley) Marineau.

He was dedicated to his role as a manager at Safety Kleen Corp for over 20 years with lifelong friends following his retirement.

Gary's hobbies and interests included vacationing in the Bahamas, family time, a lifetime fan of New York Giants, an avid fan of UCONN basketball, he loved bowling and loved playing tricks on people, Elvis Presley and driving his beloved corvette.

Relatives and friends are welcome to join the family from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM with a funeral service following at 10:30 AM on Wednesday, April 27 at the Coventry-Pietras Funeral Home at 2665 Boston Turnpike (Rte.44), Coventry, CT 06238, followed by a graveside ceremony at St James Cemetery on Broad Street in Manchester. For online condolences please visit: www.pietrasfuneralhome.com

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Police chief's father dies in Haddam fire



Donald Thody, left, Hartford Police Chief Jason Thody, center, and Maria Thody, right. **HANDOUT**

By Christine Dempsey
Hartford Courant

The father of Hartford Police Chief Jason Thody died following a recent fire in Haddam.

Firefighters removed Donald E. Thody, 85, from his burning kitchen last Thursday afternoon. He was treated and sent to Middlesex Hospital, where he died, state police and firefighters said.

The state police Fire and Explosion Investigation Unit is investigating the cause the fire, which police said does not appear to be the result of a crime.

Chief Thody left the FBI Academy in Quantico, Va., where he is attending training, to be with his family. He said it appears his father was trying to make himself lunch while his mother, Maria, was out at a medi-

cal appointment.

When she returned, there was smoke, he said. A neighbor who is a volunteer firefighter made three separate attempts to find his father, Thody said, calling his effort "heroic."

Thody recalled his father Monday as a tough, heavy equipment operator who didn't retire until he was "deep into his 70s."

"He was the hardest working person I know," he said. "He would be up before the sun" — and sometimes was just getting home as it was getting dark.

He worked for five different construction companies over the years and at one point sharpened sawmill blades in his basement on the side, Thody said. When the weather was too cold for construction work, his

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'Growing concerns'

Connecticut-based Otis elevator excludes Russia from financial results

By Stephen Singer
Hartford Courant

Otis Worldwide Corp. said Monday it is excluding Russia from its financial results and is reviewing its future there, citing "growing concerns" about its business operations as President Vladimir Putin pushes ahead with his assault on Ukraine.

For the purpose of year-over-year comparisons, 2021 has been adjusted to leave out Russia. Beginning in the current quarter that began April 1, the Farmington-based elevator manufacturer began reporting adjusted financial results excluding Russia.

"We are disheartened to see the escalation of the crisis in Ukraine," Chief Executive Officer Judy Marks told industry analysts on a conference call discussing first-quarter financial results. "We have growing concerns about the long-term sustainability of Otis' operations in Russia, especially with mounting regulations and supply chain disruptions.

"As a result, we are motivated to find solutions and explore alternatives for our Russia business that are in the best interests of all of our stakeholders," she said.

Otis previously said it stopped taking new equipment orders and making investments in Russia. It's evaluating the best ownership structure for the business "whether that's with us or somewhere else," Marks said.

The company is working through its backlog to meet customer commitments, but it's "very challenging," she said, citing supply-chain disruptions and international sanctions imposed on Russia following the invasion it launched Feb. 24.

Otis expected to generate about 6 cents of adjusted earnings per share this year from sales in Russia.

Analyst Nicholas Heymann of William Blair & Co. said Otis' business in Russia last year accounted for 2% to 3% of sales. It primarily makes equipment, but sells new elevators to others to install, which helps generate a higher profit margin.

Demand is strong, but due to supply chain problems, "the ability to fulfill demand is under question," he said.

Excluding Russia will come with a cost, particularly in new equipment sales that are expected this year to be flat to up 1.5%, down from previous guidance of an increase of between 0.5% and 3%.

First-quarter sales were up a fraction of 1%, to \$3.41 billion, less than estimates according to Zacks Investment Research. Earnings per share of 77 cents beat Wall Street estimates. Shares of Otis closed at \$74.60, up 1.6% as the broader market, which was down most of the day, staged a reversal and ended the day up.

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Following Russia's offensive on the eastern part of Ukraine, Kharkiv, the second biggest city in Ukraine, is now under constant threat of Russian bombardment and airstrikes. **FILE**



Jeanne Zulick Ferruolo, left, and Gladys Mwilelo, authors of "Each of Us a Universe." **SUSAN DUNNE/HARTFORD COURANT**

Congolese refugee tells piece of her story in new novel

By Susan Dunne
Hartford Courant

Gladys Mwilelo of New Haven doesn't recall her life in the Democratic Republic of Congo. She was just a baby when the Massacre of Makobola happened, when more than 700 people were burned alive.

"It wasn't safe for my parents to stay in the country," said Mwilelo, who is now 24. "I was 2 years old when we left the country. Burundi was the closest country so we went there."

They lived in Burundi as refugees for 13 years until the "joyful day" a UN agency called her father to tell him his family — himself, his wife, nine children and the kids' grandmother — could move to New Haven.

Mwilelo used her family's stories to help write "Each of Us a Universe," a young adult novel about a teenage girl who leaves Congo for a small town in Connecticut, and the

friend she makes there. The book, which she wrote with veteran YA novelist Jeanne Zulick Ferruolo, is in stores now.

"What I felt when I got here was so much gratitude, so much appreciation. Sometimes I am speechless to explain it," Mwilelo said. "We are the largest family ever brought here by IRIS."

Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services of New Haven is where Mwilelo met Ferruolo, who volunteers for IRIS. Ferruolo's two previous books — "Ruby in the Sky" and "A Galaxy of Sea Stars" — both center on youths who gain new perspective on their difficult lives when they make friends with a refugee.

"My books are about kids finding their own kind of brave. The people I meet at IRIS know better than anyone else what it means to be truly brave," said Ferruolo, of Ellington. "People leave a country they know and go to a new one they don't know anything about."

"Each of Us a Universe" is about a teen girl, Cal Scott, whose father is in prison and whose mother has cancer. As she deals with her emotionally volatile life, she meets Rosine Kanambe, a Congolese girl whose calm wisdom and common interests help Cal fight her fear and approach life with more strength.

"These two girls have separate backgrounds, separate stories, separate struggles. They come together to create something for themselves," Mwilelo said. "They end up doing something amazing."

Ferruolo needed Mwilelo's help writing the book because she wanted Rosine to be as realistic a character as possible.

When Mwilelo, as a toddler, was taken to Bujumbura, Burundi by her fleeing parents, another part of the family fled to Tanzania, where they were refugees. In Bujumbura, a

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Todt conviction, appeal brings uneasy sense of closure

By Taylor Hartz
Hartford Courant

On opposite ends of the East Coast, two communities have, for two years, waited for some sense of closure as Anthony Todt awaited trial in the deaths of his wife and kids.

In Connecticut, where the Todts were high school sweethearts, trusted physical therapists and a soccer coach and soccer mom duo, childhood friends have turned to each other for comfort since they heard the news, anxiously waiting for a trial that might bring some justice.

In Celebration, Florida, where Megan Todt and her three children were found dead in their home, neighbors and friends have grappled with the reality of what happened in their idyllic, Disney-designed neighborhood. Their ability to make sense of the crimes suspended by the repeatedly delayed trial for their former neighbor.

On April 14, after a quick trial and even faster jury deliberations, a jury found Todt guilty on all five charges: four counts of



Megan Todt, 42, and her children, 13-year-old Alek, 11-year-old Tyler and 4-year-old Zoe, were remembered at a funeral service Jan. 31, 2020, in her hometown parish at St. John the Evangelist in Montville. Their family presented collages with hundreds of photos from their lives at a reception afterward. **FILE**

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Feds: Bloomfield man pleads guilty to drug dealing, gun charges

Staff report

A Bloomfield man pleaded guilty Monday in Hartford federal court to drug distribution and firearm possession offenses, according to federal officials.

Jaime Holt, 39, pleaded guilty to one count of possession with intent to distribute cocaine base, or crack, and one count of unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon, according to federal officials. Holt is scheduled to be sentenced by U.S. District Judge Michael P. Shea on July 18.

Bloomfield police stopped a vehicle Holt was driving for a traffic violation on March 31, 2021 and after a narcotics police dog alerted to the presence of narcotics, a search of the vehicle revealed a total of approximately 114 grams of crack cocaine, a quantity of marijuana, items used to package drugs for street sale, five cellphones, and a loaded 9mm pistol, federal officials said in a statement, citing court documents and statements made in court.

Federal authorities said Holt's criminal history includes state convictions for felony firearm, assault, drug and larceny offenses and it is a "violation of federal law for a person previously convicted of a felony offense to possess a firearm or ammunition that has moved in interstate or foreign commerce."

Holt has been detained since March 31, 2021.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives and the Bloomfield Police Department; it is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert S. Ruff, according to federal officials.

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first-degree murder and one count of animal cruelty.

Friends and family said that, for the first time since Jan. 13, 2020, they felt glimpses of relief, of justice and of closure. They felt like they could begin to heal.

But just over a week since after Circuit Judge Keith Carsten sentenced Todt to four life sentences for his crimes, Todt filed an appeal in his case on Friday, according to court records.

Two years of questions

As the holiday season came to a close in 2019, people who knew the Todt family started to worry.

Patients of Anthony Todt, a once-well respected physical therapist in Colchester, couldn't seem to reach him to schedule their regular appointments.

Friends of Megan Todt, who'd grown up with the 42-year-old on Peachvale Drive in Uncasville and gone to school with the high-school sweetheart couple, were concerned, too.

Jennifer Clerkin, who'd known Megan for decades, saw a Facebook group about her friend and her family that said they were missing. The Todts' relatives, namely Anthony Todt's sisters, hadn't been able to reach them.

In mid-January, their worst fears were confirmed — Megan and her children were dead and Megan's husband, the children's father, had been living in the house with their bodies.

During the trial earlier this month, some of Todt's initial confessions to police were heard publicly for the first time. In them, he told investigators that he killed his children as part of a planned suicide pact ahead of the apocalypse he and his wife thought was eminent. He then took the stand and gave an entirely different account of the night his family died in which he said he was not home. He testified that he went to the family's nearby condo and fallen asleep, he said, and when he came back home his children were dead.

Clerkin watched every moment of the trial via a live stream. By watching, she hoped to have a better understanding of what happened to her friend and why.

"There was a level of curiosity, I wanted to gain new information or insight. It's still such a mystery as to what actually happened," she said.

Megan Todt's uncle, Stewart Peil, of Norwich, said he felt like he was watching his nephew-in-law sit down for a business meeting, not take the stand in a murder trial.

Clerkin spent her childhood with Megan Todt. They would play pretend and dream of the day they'd become mothers. To hear that she died alongside all her



The Todt children, Alek, 13, from left; Tyler, 11; and Zoe, 4. Alek and Tyler, were talented musicians for their ages, their music teacher Bobbie Sedwick said. **HANDOUT**

children, Clerkin said, was heart-breaking. The news rocked her family, and her group of friends. For years, she and the rest of their childhood friends have been following the case, sharing old photos from their younger years.

Though she said she doesn't feel like the trial answered her burning question of why they were killed, she felt like justice was served.

"We all feel that when he was found guilty there was a level of peace brought to all of us," she said a few days after Todt's conviction and sentencing. "To see him finally pay for what he had done was just the closure of everything. It kind of put a pin in it. It's all over."

But now, just days later, it seems Todt will return to court to appeal the decision. The appeal was officially filed in court on April 22, but no court dates have been set.

Mixed emotions

Kirsten Lewis, childhood friend of Megan Todt and Clerkin, said she wasn't surprised to hear that her friend's husband was appealing his conviction, but she isn't worried. She thinks his conviction will stand.

Lewis, who now lives in Colorado, said was flooded with feelings of relief, but also a deep sorrow.

"There was this feeling of justice and relief but also it meant sadness, that this was the end of her story. This shouldn't have been the end of her life story," she said. "The end of her life story should have included her going to her kids' graduations and weddings and the birth of her grand babies, the end of her life story shouldn't have been a conviction that he killed them all."

She said she was angry that the jury didn't hear more about who her friend was or how she lived her life.

"It made me angry that he was turning everything on Megan and she couldn't stand up for herself," said Lewis. "Also I was frustrated with the prosecution because they didn't call any character witnesses. I felt like her voice was completely strangled."

Dawn Barden, who took her daughter to Anthony Todt's Family Physical Therapy office in Colchester, said Monday that she was glad to hear that Todt is appealing his conviction. She said she doesn't think he got a fair trial.

Barden, who lives in Norwich, is still grateful for how much Todt helped her daughter as a physical therapist. She's had a hard time making sense of how the man who once cared for her child so compassionately could be charged with such serious crimes against his own children.

Barden watched the live stream of the trial, too, and said she doesn't think Todt got a chance to tell his side of the story. She said she thinks the prosecutor "didn't let Tony answer or finish a sentence."

She said she was shocked with how quickly the verdict was returned. Now that the trial is over, she said she plans to reach out to Todt.

"I do plan on writing to Tony, I am still grateful for what he had

taught me to help my daughter," she said. "I plan on just telling him that I am grateful for his knowledge he showed me."

In Celebration, Christina Gerrity has watched her young son process the loss of his two close friends, Alek and Tyler Todt, and try to understand how their father was charged with their murders.

Liam Gerrity, now 12, had spent many days at the Todts' house. The Gerritys' house neighbors the back of the house where the Todts lived.

"This man has done immeasurable damage to so many people with his horrific acts," she said.

The night the jury found Todt guilty, Gerrity gently delivered the news to her son.

"I told my son Liam the verdict that night when I was tucking him into bed. We both cried a little and said some prayers. We also agreed sadly to say goodbye to Alek and Tyler. It was time to put them to rest and finally say goodbye to those sweet boys," she said.

She said her son, who was just 10 when his friends died, asked his mother if he was safe with her and his father.

"Liam asked me one more time if he was safe with us. I had to let him know that his parents love him so much that we would give up our lives for him and that he will always be safe with us. He also wanted to make sure that Tony will truly never get out," she said.

She felt "amazement and relief" that night. Now, she feels

afraid again.

"This definitely feels a little frightening," she said Monday when she learned of Todt's appeal filing.

She said she has faith that the court will maintain the guilty verdict.

State Attorney for the Ninth Judicial District Monique H. Worrell, issued a statement applauding the hard work of the prosecuting attorneys and the office staff, saying they "worked unrelentingly to hold Todt accountable for this unspeakable crime."

She said she hoped the conviction would bring peace to the family.

"There are no words that adequately express the utter tragedy that is this case," said State Attorney Worrell.

"This verdict brings a painful chapter in our community to a close. I know that this result cannot ease the suffering of those who loved Megan, Zoe, Alek-sander, and Tyler Todt," Worrell said in a statement. "My heart goes out to you, and our office will continue to do everything we can to provide access to the services and resources you need to cope with this traumatic loss. I can only hope that the conclusion of this trial will bring you some degree of peace."

Worrell's office did not immediately return requests for comment on the appeal filing, and Todt's attorneys have not returned requests for comment on the case.



Donald Thody, father of Hartford Police Chief Jason Thody, died Thursday in a house fire. **HANDOUT**

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father would plow snow.

"I said to my wife, 'I can't keep up with that guy,' " he said.

"Hard as he worked," Thody added, "he would find time to coach my Little League teams." His father also took him fishing and sometimes took him to work

with him.

Thody's older brothers, one of whom died of cancer in 2019, worked in construction like their father.

Although the chief is the only police officer in the family, his father "was a little bit of a cop groupie." He was a bit star struck on Easter when a friend of Thody's, who is an Alaskan state trooper, visited, he said. His father went to

every promotional ceremony for his son except for the one for his chief appointment because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I'll miss him every day," Thody said. "He lived a great life."

Thody said he also lost his dog, Angel, in the fire. The dog had been staying with his parents.

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big city, her father couldn't afford to send his children to school. So Mwilelo helped her mother in her small food business.

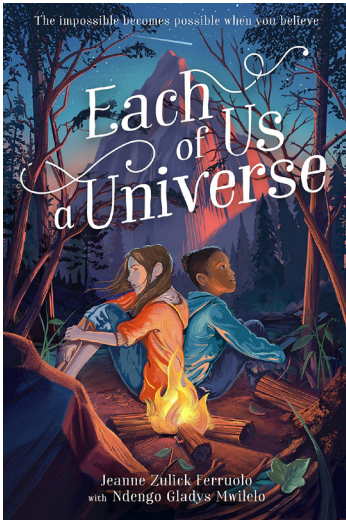
"She sold chapatis on the street so we could afford at least one meal a day. I would wake up in the morning and help mom make the chapatis, then help her sell them, and then go home. That was all. There was nothing else," Mwilelo said. "By the age of 12 or 13, I knew life was hard."

The family briefly moved to a rural refugee camp when city life became too expensive. Mwilelo decided to make the best of it, and was comforted by going through it with her siblings. "Every single day you're facing so much you don't know what to focus on. I decided to consider it an adventure," she said.

The family had been living there for three weeks when her father got the call. Since arriving in New Haven, her life has changed dramatically. She graduated from Wilbur Cross High School and Central Connecticut State University, majoring in strategic communications and minoring in journalism.

She quickly became fluent in English. She also speaks Swahili, Kirundi and a bit of French.

Now, she also works with IRIS, helping new refugees learn



"Each of Us a Universe." **HANDOUT**

English and adapt to life in a new country. Her job has been virtual until now but soon it will become in-person.

In addition to helping refugees learn about America, Mwilelo wants to help America learn about refugees. "I'm always looking to find a voice to allow us to be heard. We live in this country. But who knows who we are," she said.

Gladys Mwilelo and Jeanne Zulick Ferruolo will read from "Each of Us a Universe" at Tolland Library, 21 Tolland Green Ext., on June 18 at 1 p.m.

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CONNECTICUT

NEW HAVEN

Judge orders acting police chief to step down

By Dave Collins
Associated Press

New Haven's acting police chief was ordered to resign by a Connecticut judge, who ruled Monday that the chief has held the temporary position longer than the city charter allows.

Mayor Justin Elicker immediately vowed to appeal the ruling and said Renee Dominguez would remain as acting chief during the legal challenge and until a permanent chief is hired.

Dominguez, who has served as acting chief since March 2021, had been on track to become the first woman to permanently

lead the New Haven police department. But in December, the city's Board of Alders rejected Elicker's nomination of her after some residents raised concerns about increasing violent crime and low diversity in the department.

In his ruling, Judge Michael Kamp said the city charter prohibits acting city officials — including the police chief — from holding the temporary jobs for more than six months without their names being submitted to the Board of Alders. Elicker did submit Dominguez's name to the alders within six months, but the board rejected the nomination, the judge said.

"The clear import of the city charter is that an acting police chief cannot remain in place indefinitely," Kamp wrote. "To conclude otherwise would completely thwart and eliminate the Board of Alders' advice and consent role in approving the mayor's nominee."

Elicker and city legal staff, however, disagreed with the judge's interpretation of the charter. They argued the charter allows Dominguez to remain in office until a permanent chief is hired.

"We need stability now, and I think that given the incredible challenges that our community has faced

over these past two years — a dramatic uptick in violence like many cities across the nation — it is not time for some politically motivated stunt show here," Elicker said at a Monday afternoon news conference, referring to the court case that led to Kamp's ruling.

Elicker said the city already is in the process of looking for a permanent chief.

The legal challenge that led to Kamp's ruling was filed by two local pastors, the Revs. Boise Kimber and Donarell Elder.

Dominguez has been leading the department since last year's retirement of Otoniel Reyes.



New Haven's acting police chief was ordered to resign by a Connecticut judge. **FILE**

Police release name of 4-year-old girl who died in accident on farm

By Christine Dempsey
Hartford Courant

The death of a 4-year-old girl who became trapped under farm equipment in Watertown over the weekend has been ruled an accident, police said Monday.

Ellie Kuslis, of Barnes Road, was fatally injured by a slice seeder that was attached to a tractor her father had been operating on their farm. A slice seeder is a machine that uses blades to cut deep grooves into the

soil into which seeds are dropped.

At the time of the accident, the father had stopped the tractor and was working on the equipment as the seeder remained engaged, Det. Mark Conway said.

The accident happened about 3:20 p.m. Saturday. Despite the efforts of neighbors and first responders, the girl died at the scene, police said.

During an autopsy Sunday, medical examiners determined that the cause

of death was blunt force trauma and ruled the death accidental, they said.

Police said they continue to investigate the exact circumstances of the accident.

"The Watertown Police Department extends our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of the child and wishes to express our gratitude to the police officers, firefighters and neighbors who did all they could to help," police said in a news release.

Even at her young age, the girl appears to have played a role at the farm. The Kuslis Farm Facebook page a picture of more than a dozen cartons of eggs under a blackboard-style sign that says, "Eggs for Ellie, \$3."

The Monday morning post asked for privacy, adding, "But Ellie would like these to be shared and enjoyed."

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Two injured as Hartford nonfatal shooting victims top three dozen for 2022

By Christine Dempsey
Hartford Courant

Two people were injured, one critically, in a shooting in Hartford Sunday evening, police said.

The shooting puts the number of gunshot survivors in Hartford this year at more than three dozen.

An 18-year-old is in critical but stable condition after the shooting on Townley Street in the Asylum Hill neighborhood. A woman in her 30s also was shot and is listed in stable condition, Lt. Aaron Boisvert said. Each victim was shot once.

Police received reports of shots fired near 18 Townley St., next to Saint Francis Hospital, shortly before 7 p.m.. Officers found evidence of gunfire, but no victims, Boisvert said. The 18-year-old and woman arrived at the hospital a short time later.

The number of victims of

nonfatal shootings in the capital city in 2022 now exceeds three dozen. As of Thursday, Hartford had seen 35 gunshot survivors, compared to 36 on that date in 2021, Boisvert said.

There have been 11 homicides, compared to nine as of April 21, 2021 — a year that ended with the most homicides since 2003, when 16 died in a nursing home arson.

Online records show that New Haven had 20 gunshot survivors as of April 10, compared to 22 the previous year.

The police department's Major Crimes and Crime Scene divisions took over the investigation of the Townley Street shooting. Anyone with information that may help them is asked to call the Hartford Police Department tip line at 860-722-8477 (TIPS).

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The Watertown Police Department extends our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of the child and wishes to express our gratitude to the police officers, firefighters and neighbors who did all they could to help.

— Watertown Police Department news release

Connecticut hopes for benefits of rebounding cruise ship industry

Associated Press

NEW LONDON — The recent appearance of two cruise ships in New London has raised hopes that Connecticut might stand to benefit from the return of an industry decimated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The two ships, part of American Queen Voyages, were on a tour of the East Coast and Canada, and were the first cruise ships to stop in New London in four years. Both are scheduled to stop in New London on the way back south in the fall.

The ships each brought about 90 passengers and 75 crew members and were met with gift bags, discounts in local restaurants and a driving tour of the city.

Connecticut also has deep-water ports in New Haven and Bridgeport that can handle large ships, but the state often isn't seen as a cruise destination.

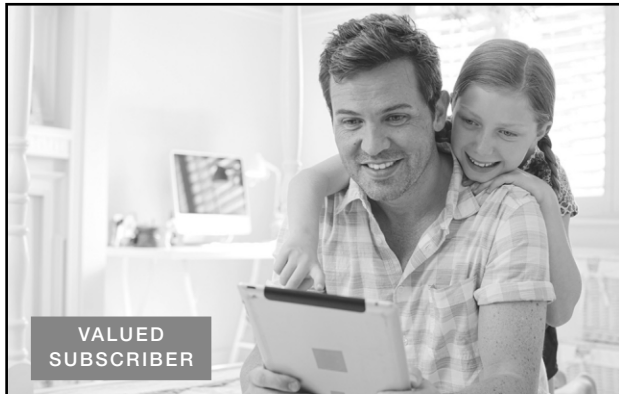
"It's encouraging that with the industry just really trying to make a comeback,

they picked New London," Mayor Michael Passero told the New Haven Register.

New London and other Connecticut ports could benefit from Canada's reopening its own ports to cruises after two years, and also from industry trends toward more domestic routes and smaller ships that cater to an older clientele, said Chris Gray Faust, managing editor of the consumer review site Cruise Critic.

"There has been a pivot toward more domestic cruises," Gray Faust told the newspaper. "Some of these ports are ones that you don't think of as cruise ports, necessarily."

A spokesperson for the Connecticut Port Authority told the Register that the agency is working with the state to study whether a pier at New London's Fort Trumbull, which is closer to the mouth of the Thames River and the Long Island Sound, could be refurbished to accommodate cruise ships.



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PUBLIC NOTICES

**TOWN OF CROMWELL
LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF REFERENDUM**

Notice is hereby given to the Electors and those qualified to vote in the Town of Cromwell, pursuant to section 7-6 of the Connecticut General Statutes, that a Referendum will be held on Tuesday, May 3, 2022, at the Cromwell High School, Donald Harris Drive, Cromwell, Connecticut, between the hours of 12:00 Noon and 8:00 P.M., for the purpose of voting on the following questions:

QUESTION #1
"Shall the General Government Budget of \$18,556,627 for the Town of Cromwell for Fiscal Year 2022-2023, as proposed by the Cromwell Board of Finance be adopted?"

QUESTION #2
"Shall the Board of Education Budget of \$33,996,415 for the Town of Cromwell for Fiscal Year 2022-2023, as proposed by the Cromwell Board of Finance be adopted?"

QUESTION #3
"Shall the Debt Service Budget of \$3,429,499 for the Town of Cromwell for Fiscal Year 2022-2023, as proposed by the Cromwell Board of Finance be adopted?"

A YES VOTE will be in favor, and a NO VOTE will be against the Questions. Tabulators will be used.

Absentee Ballots are available at the Town Clerk's Office, 41 West Street, Cromwell, Connecticut, and may be picked up there. Absentee Ballots cannot be mailed due to the short period of time. Please see the Town of Cromwell website for additional information regarding absentee ballots.

Dated at Cromwell, Connecticut this 18th day of April 2022.

Allan Spotts, Mayor
4/26/2022 7195856

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: The following self-storage unit contents containing household and other goods will be sold for cash by CubeSmart 215 Gold Star Highway, Groton, CT 06340 to satisfy a lien on May 10th 2022, at approx. 1:00 PM at www.storage-treasures.com.
Cube #63: Tiffany Dart.
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Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the location indicated:
132 Silas Deane Highway
Wethersfield, CT 06109
860-918-0534
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180 Patricia Kennedy House goods
386 Eric Antonio Guy House goods
The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage-treasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property
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**TOWN OF CROMWELL
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF DECISION**

At its regular meeting on April 19, 2022 the Town of Cromwell Planning and Zoning Commission met and took the following actions:

1. Voted to approve with conditions Application #22-03: Request for Site Plan Modification at 34 Shunpike Road to allow for renovation of the building facade. Gary Dayharsh is the Applicant and MIHEL II LLC is the Owner.

2. Voted to approve Application #22-07: Request for Site Plan Modification at 51 Shunpike Road to allow for renovation of the building facade and new signage for the Burlington Store and new signage for Smoke Shop Cloud's World. HB Nitkin is the Applicant and HBN-CSC LLC C/O HBNITKIN GROUP is the Owner.

3. Voted to approve with conditions Application #22-08: Request for Site Plan Modification at 150 Country Squire Drive to allow for the expansion of parking. Cromwell Village Associates LLC is the Applicant and the Owner.

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‘Northman’ a Viking epic to conquer them all

Skarsgard, Eggers on quest for historically accurate depiction

By Lindsey Bahr
Associated Press

Alexander Skarsgard has been dreaming about Vikings for as long as he can remember.

Some of his earliest memories are from Oland, a Swedish island on the Baltic Sea, where his great-grandfather built a home many years ago. His grandfather would regale him with tales of Viking history while walking among the massive runestones.

Skarsgard isn't entirely sure that his grandfather's story about a Viking ancestor named Skar who had a farm on the island a thousand years ago is completely true. But it was the kind of thing that was very exciting to him as a young boy. And it was where the seeds were planted for his latest film now in theaters, "The Northman," about a self-exiled prince at the dawn of the 10th century.

The Viking dream laid dormant for some time, though. Then around 2017, Skarsgard found himself at a lunch meeting with Robert Eggers, a promising filmmaker who had just burst onto the scene with "The Witch," an eerily realistic depiction of 17th-century New England that helped introduce the world to Anya Taylor-Joy.

It was one of those "general meetings" that Eggers dreads.

"You usually just sit down with people and talk about nothing, and it's usually very awkward," Eggers said.

But it turns out they did have something to talk



Alexander Skarsgard portrays the self-exiled prince Amleth in "The Northman."
AIDAN MONAGHAN/FOCUS FEATURES

about. Eggers had recently returned from a trip to Iceland inspired by the grandeur and brutality of the landscapes and armed with classic sagas. By the time they got the check, they'd agreed to make a Viking movie.

"A Viking would definitely say it was fated," Skarsgard said with a smile.

It would send them on their own ambitious quest to create the most historically accurate depiction of Vikings ever.

"In the history of cinema, aside from one tiny Icelandic movie in the late '70s, no one has ever tried to make an authentic Viking movie before," Eggers said.

"I had an opening."

The story of "The Northman" is a familiar one. In his research, Eggers stumbled upon the fact that Shakespeare based "Hamlet" on an ancient Nordic folktale about a prince named Amleth, who sees his father murdered by his uncle, flees and returns as an adult to save his mother and avenge his father. It was the perfect jumping off point to have this simple revenge tale that everyone knows that he could then stuff to the brim with historical details of rituals and weapons and mythology.

With Skarsgard playing the grown Amleth, they

rounded out the cast with Nicole Kidman as his mother, Queen Gudrun; Ethan Hawke as his father, King Aurvandil; Claes Bang as his murderous uncle, Fjolnir; and Bjork as a seeress.

Working with Icelandic poet Sjon to write the script, they wrote one part, Olga — an enslaved Slav who becomes a close confidant of Amleth — with Taylor-Joy in mind.

"We both know that if we get stuck in a room with a camera, we're going to end up pushing each other into some weird situations, which is really fun," Taylor-Joy said.

In addition to getting to

go to Northern Ireland and Iceland for the shoot, Olga presented a new opportunity to play someone with a strong tie to a faith.

"You are looking out of your own eyes at whatever situation it is that you're looking at, but you also have an eye above you that's overlooking everything like a bird," she said.

"When I think of Vikings, I didn't necessarily think of the poetry of fate and living your life in this spiritual way. It actually gave me a lot of peace. ... Not everyone starts laughing when someone is about to slit their throat."

She wasn't the only Eggers alum in the bunch. The cast included Willem Dafoe, Kate Dickie and Ralph Ineson, and the crew was largely populated by people from both "The Witch" and "The Lighthouse," including cinematographer Jarin Blaschke, production designer Craig Lathrop and costume designer Linda Muir.

Eggers also recruited a team of Viking historians and archaeologists to help make sure he was doing things right, and, for the first time, he had the funds to do it.

They borrowed ships from museums, built some of their own, made weapons by hand and did their best to imagine what the homes would have looked like. Even the rivets were historically accurate.

Before "The Northman," Eggers' biggest budget was "The Lighthouse's" \$11 million. This time, he had some \$70 million to work with.

A bigger budget meant more resources but also more pressure and having to forfeit final cut, although he is quick to say that the film being released is his director's cut.

The shoot itself was a grueling, muddy, seven-month endeavor during the second half of 2020, before COVID-19 vaccines were readily available.

"We really swung for the fences on this one," said Taylor-Joy, who recalled being barefoot in the mud while gale force winds threatened to sweep them off the mountaintop.

"While almost everyone was very miserable, I was on cloud nine. I was just having the time of my life. I really enjoy being physically pushed."

Eggers prefers to shoot long takes with only one camera, from seemingly straightforward dialogue scenes to action-heavy set-pieces like a brutal berserker raid. It was enormously taxing on everyone, but they had a shared sense of purpose too.

"We worked on the choreography of it for months before shooting the scene so that we would have the right flow between the camera and the characters moving through the shot," Skarsgard said. "It was challenging but it was also exciting."

What drove him to keep going, he said, was the hope they were making something unique and that audiences would feel immersed in the action in a way that they never would with hundreds of cuts and post-production fixes.

For him, at least, the result was worth the exhaustion and soreness and all the years he spent talking about a film that would take Norse mythology seriously.

"It's beyond my imagination, beyond my dreams," Skarsgard said. "I'm incredibly grateful and immensely proud."

CELEBRITIES

Stewart accepts Mark Twain Prize

From news services

Jon Stewart, accepting the Kennedy Center's Mark Twain Prize for American Humor, warned Sunday that speculation about the future of comedy amid increased audience cultural sensitivity was ignoring a true and enduring threat: authoritarian governments around the world.

"Comedy doesn't change the world, but it's a bellwether," Stewart said. "When a society feels under threat, comedians are who get sent away first."

Stewart pointed to Egyptian comedian Bassem Youssef, whose Stewart-inspired political comedy show earned him both fame and self-imposed exile. Youssef's story is "an example of the true threat to comedy," Stewart said.

The intersection of comedy and politics was the main theme as celebrities and comedy royalty gathered to honor Stewart, who set the modern template for mixing the topics during his 16-year run hosting TV's "The Daily Show."

Stewart, the 23rd recipient of the prize, was honored in testimonials from fellow comedians and previous Mark Twain Prize recipients. Several of the speakers were former "Daily Show" correspondents, including Samantha Bee, Steve Carell, Stephen Colbert and John Oliver.

Simon's papers go to Library of Congress: Dozens of notebooks, scripts, speeches, drafts of letters and artwork owned by the late playwright Neil Simon have been donated to the Library of Congress. The collection offers historians and researchers access to the creative process of American theater's most successful and prolific playwright.

The collection includes



Jon Stewart speaks on stage Sunday at The Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. PAUL MORIGI/GETTY

about 7,700 items documenting the evolution of Simon's plays and screenplays, including "Barefoot in the Park," "The Sunshine Boys," "Brighton Beach Memoirs" and "Lost in Yonkers."

Simon was nominated for 14 Tony Awards and won three, in addition to a special prize for contribution to the theater. He also won the Pulitzer Prize, the Mark Twain Prize for American Humor and a Kennedy Center honor. He died in 2018.

Megan Thee Stallion recounts party incident: Megan Thee Stallion claims fellow rapper Tory Lanez offered her \$1 million to keep quiet after he allegedly shot her foot, and says she told authorities she stepped on glass because she was afraid police would open fire.

Megan was moved to tears as she recounted the 2020 incident during an interview that aired Monday on "CBS Mornings," claiming Lanez opened fire following an argument after leaving a party at reality star Kylie Jenner's house in Los Angeles.

"I look down at my feet and I'm like, 'Oh my God. I'm really bleeding,'" Megan said during the

emotional interview.

Megan, 27, says the argument occurred because she was ready to leave the party when others weren't, and claims Lanez said "dance" and shot at her multiple times. She claims Lanez apologized moments after firing the weapon. "He said, 'I'm so sorry. Please don't tell nobody. I'll give y'all \$1 million if y'all don't say nothing,'" Megan said.

Police were called to the scene, said Megan, who recalled "many" officers and helicopters arriving.

"I was like, 'Oh my God, we're all about to die.' The George Floyd incident had just happened," Megan said. "... I didn't want them to kill any of us or shoot any of us, so I just said, 'I stepped on glass.'"

Lanez, 29, has denied Megan's claim and pleaded not guilty to all charges related to the incident.

April 26 birthdays: Actor Carol Burnett is 89. Singer Maurice Williams is 84. Actor Giancarlo Esposito is 64. Actor Joaquin Chen is 61. Actor Jet Li is 59. Actor Kevin James is 57. Actor Marianne Jean-Baptiste is 55. Singer T-Boz is 52. Actor Jordana Brewster is 42. Actor Channing Tatum is 42. Actor Emily Wickersham is 38.



ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson
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Grandpa's snack choices drawing mom's ire

Dear Amy: My husband and I watch our grandsons (ages 3 and 5) twice a week. We do this so our daughter can save on day care expenses.

We bring the kids two snacks each time we are with them. I choose a snack that is always healthy, like fruit, and my husband's choice is not healthy — usually cookies.

My daughter complains to me about her father's choices. I have told her to talk to him. She does, and he ignores her. He tells me that it makes him happy to give the kids something they view as a treat.

Since it is only twice a week, he doesn't think it is a big deal. He says that if it is a big deal, our daughter can send the kids to day care every day.

I see both points of view and think this issue has been blown out of proportion. I am tired of being in the middle of this.

Any ideas on how to resolve this?

— Snacked

Dear Snacked: If your husband didn't ply the kids with cookies, any healthy snack delivered by Grandpa would be considered "a treat." Kids are like that. They can happily eat broccoli trees dipped in yogurt — until Mr. Oreo comes to town.

I won't waste your time suggesting healthy alternatives to cookies, because your husband has decided that his pleasure and esteem is so cheap that it can be obtained through being a sweets dispenser to toddlers. That's lazy, but a few cookies won't harm these children.

Your husband also doesn't respect his daugh-

ter's wishes. That's a pretty obvious power move, possibly because he wants to see himself as a loving and indulgent grandpa, versus providing day care.

You should hope that he doesn't take this disrespect further, toward choices that are less benign. After all, when he was a kid every child ate cookies for a snack, and no one rode in a car seat.

However, he is right in this regard. If your daughter does not like being disrespected in this way, she has options.

You say you are in the middle of this, but that's a choice, too. If your daughter complains about this, tell her to "take this up with your father."

Dear Amy: My partner and I are in our mid-70s. For 10 years, we have had a wonderful housecleaner spend three hours every two weeks cleaning our home. She does a great job.

This Tuesday, she broke our microwave turntable and said she would replace it. I called her to ask if she knew when she would be able to get it for us. She said didn't know when and apologized. I told her I had found a replacement online. She told me that we should subtract the amount from her next check for her cleaning services. The total is over half of what we pay her.

My partner is completely OK with this. I'm not sure. I feel like everyone breaks things or makes mistakes occasionally, and we can absorb the cost easily. I don't want to lose our housecleaner. She works very hard.

What do you think?

— J

Dear J: If in a decade of being in your home, moving things, dusting things, and working/cleaning your appliances your cleaner has only broken one thing — I'd say she has been exceedingly careful. If a guest or family member accidentally broke this microwave turntable, would you expect them to pay for it? (It sounds as if your husband would.)

Most of us accidentally break a few things a year, and these minor issues should be taken for what they are — accidents.

The kind thing to do is to accept this as an accident, replace the item yourself and tell your cleaner that you appreciate her apology, but "these things happen," and that you consider the matter closed.

Dear Amy: Thank you for your compassionate response to "Feeling Helpless," the grandparents who are balking at sharing the expense of in-patient mental health treatment for their grandson.

Any reputable program should have a robust support system for affected families; they should also be able to make excellent recommendations about next steps, both during and after treatment.

— Been There

Dear Been There: I'm genuinely sorry you have "been there," and I hope the treatment your family member received worked for all of you.

Doc examines fall of brand built on exclusion

‘White Hot’ traces controversies that sunk Abercrombie

By Meredith Blake
Los Angeles Times

If you came of age some-time between the two Bush presidencies, chances are you’ve had — or still have — strong feelings about Abercrombie & Fitch, the retailer whose logo T-shirts were once ubiquitous in high school cafeterias.

Perhaps you aspired to the brand’s narrow definition of cool. Perhaps you resented the company’s exclusionary identity. Perhaps both. But you simply couldn’t be a young person in the late 1990s and early 2000s and avoid Abercrombie.

Now, a new Netflix documentary examines the brand and its legacy, arguing that Abercrombie’s corporate culture was even more noxious than the cologne its employees dispensed with zeal at malls across the country.

“White Hot: The Rise and Fall of Abercrombie” explains how the company, founded in the 1800s as a purveyor of sporting goods for elite adventurers, became the hottest label of the “TRL” era under the leadership of Chief Executive Michael Jeffries, who made billions in profits by aggressively going after the cool kids — and who once proudly declared, “A lot of people don’t belong (in our clothes), and they can’t belong.”

The strategy worked for a time, but it was unsustainable: nothing that burns white hot can last forever. Especially when the brand is built on exclusion.

“This is a story that everyone can locate themselves in,” said director Alison Klayman. “People immediately start talking about their personal experiences with the brand. It cuts quickly into something about identity, about childhood, about fitting in.”

The film recounts the



Abercrombie & Fitch clothing is seen in a Chicago store in 2003. A new documentary focuses on the brand. **TIM BOYLE/GETTY**

innovations that propelled the company’s ascendance in the ’90s, including A&F Quarterly, a racy catalog/magazine shot by famed fashion photographer Bruce Weber, and store employees who were hired because of their looks rather than their customer service skills. The Abercrombie vision flowed directly from Jeffries, who dictated every aspect of the company’s image, down to the jewelry and hairstyles worn by employees. (Dreadlocks and gold chains were forbidden.)

The company’s popularity was crystalized in the 1999 hit “Summer Girls” by the boy band LFO, which played in heavy rotation on MTV: “I like girls that wear Abercrombie & Fitch,” went the chorus.

But “White Hot” also traces the controversies that ultimately turned the

tide of opinion against Abercrombie and contributed to Jeffries’ ouster in 2014, including racist merchandise, allegations of discriminatory hiring practices that resulted in a landmark Supreme Court case and allegedly predatory behavior by Weber toward the company’s young male models.

Klayman said she was drawn to make a film about Abercrombie because she thought it was “the perfect story to make seemingly abstract forces really concrete. It shows you how bias in society is actually formally enforced in a top-down way. How do you explain systemic racism? Well, how about people from corporate headquarters coming to your store and telling a 20-year-old who they should hire and fire?”

The documentary, while comprehensive, doesn’t

have time to rehash all of Abercrombie’s controversial moves, like the thongs marketed to preteen girls with the words “eye candy” on them or the decision for many years not to make women’s clothes over a size 10.

“White Hot” is likely to conjure complicated emotions in the millennials who grew up under the Abercrombie influence — nostalgia for mall culture, the pre-social media era and the brands we yearned for as adolescents, tinged with disgust over the pervasive racism, misogyny and homophobia that seemed perfectly acceptable in the not-so-distant past.

“White Hot” features interviews with journalists who covered the retailer at the height of its influence, as well as former models and employees disillusioned by the company’s

exclusionary policies.

As an undergraduate at Cal State Bakersfield 20 years ago, Carla Barrientos applied for a job at an Abercrombie store at the nearby Value Plaza Mall. She loved their clothes and was devoted to a pair of low-rise jeans with tiny pockets on the front.

Though Barrientos, who is Black, noticed the lack of diversity at the store, she figured, “They’re looking for all-American, and I’m all-American.” She worked at Abercrombie for a few months but was soon phased out with little explanation. When she learned another friend, who was white, was still working 20 hours a week, she began to piece it together. But she didn’t immediately take action. “I looked at it like, racism has to be blatant — almost like the KKK, right? I wasn’t called a racial slur, I wasn’t

run out of the store,” she said.

“I think part of me didn’t want it to be about race,” she continued, “because there’s nothing I can do about that. I’m very proud of being a Black woman. How can I fix that?”

Barrientos, now 38, ultimately joined a class-action lawsuit against the retailer in 2003, alleging that the company’s hiring practices excluded people of color and women. The case resulted in a 2005 consent decree that required the company to promote diversity in its workforce but was largely nonbinding. After the settlement, Abercrombie found a cynical workaround: If it reclassified the employees who worked in the front of the store as “models,” it could continue to hire them based on looks. In a separate case a decade later, the Supreme Court ruled in favor of a young Muslim woman, Samantha Elauf, who was refused a job at Abercrombie because of her headscarf.

The experience at Abercrombie “opened my eyes to what discrimination looks like” and how quietly insidious it can be, said Barrientos, who appears in “White Hot.” She is heartened to see the changes at Abercrombie, with its website now featuring models with an array of body shapes and skin tones.

Though she credits social media and the rise of a new generation “that wasn’t willing to be spoon-fed” with accelerating Abercrombie’s fall from its turn-of-the-millennium heights, Klayman also sees less inspiring forces at work: falling profits and changing consumer habits. “It’s really hard to be on top of the youth market for many, many decades. Abercrombie had a formula that worked, but it didn’t change.”

In other words, the brand suffered the fate of every fad. The cool kids grew bored with it.

TV Q&A

Where can holiday tune sung by Elvis Presley be located?

By Rich Heldenfels
Tribune News Service

Q: On Christmas Day a few years back, I heard Elvis Presley sing a holiday song with the chorus of “Why can’t every day be like Christmas?” I have looked on iTunes, Googled it, etc., but cannot find this song. Do you have any ideas?

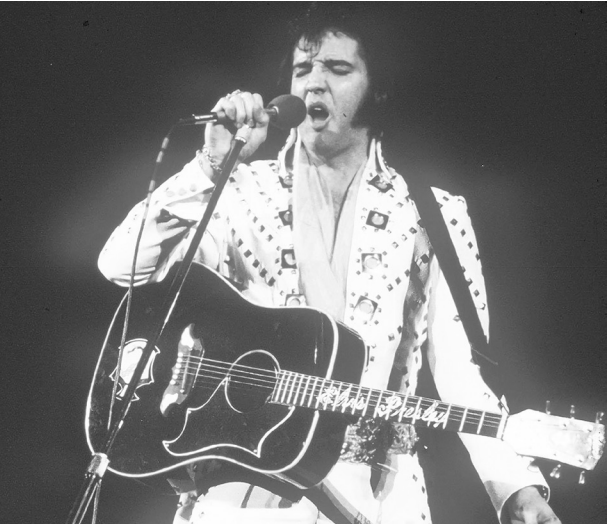
A: Let me dig deep in my own Elvis collection and ... there’s “If Every Day Was Like Christmas,” written by Elvis’ friend Red West. First released in 1966, it has appeared on several Elvis Christmas collections over the years.

Q: Can you identify a song and the singer from 1950? It was called “Wanderin’” and I used to write to the only radio station we had and ask for it to be played. I have found other pieces with the same name but not my song.

A: You have been seeking a recording of “Wanderin’” by bandleader Sammy Kaye (whose catchphrase was “Swing and Sway With Sammy Kaye”), with vocals by Tony Alamo and the Kaye Choir. While there are other versions of the song, which goes back well before 1950, we were able to pin this down after you heard the Kaye recording on YouTube. There are various collections of Kaye recordings available.

Q: Many years ago, I remember a TV show set in an office setting before computers, where all the bosses were women, and the secretaries were men. The men endured the usual harassment — bottom patting, sexual innuendos and so on. Any info on this show?

A: You most likely remember “All That Glitters,” a satirical soap opera from Norman Lear which aired



Elvis Presley singing “If Every Day Was Like Christmas” has appeared on several Elvis Christmas collections. **AP 1973**

in syndication for a few months in 1977. The cast included Linda Gray, Eileen Brennan, Lois Nettleton and Gary Sandy. Cary O’Dell of TVParty.com noted that Lear’s success with another comedic soap, “Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman,” led to “All That Glitters,” but the latter did not draw an audience. O’Dell says the show was interesting, and pointed in its social commentary, but still not successful artistically. I remember watching it at the time and not staying with it.

Q: A good number of years ago we saw a movie with John Belushi called “Continental Divide.” We would love to see it again. Where should I look?

A: “Continental Divide,” from 1981, was an attempt to make Belushi a romantic-comedy star, in this case opposite Blair Brown. It was Belushi’s next-to-last screen role, followed only by “Neighbors” later in the same year. Online rental sites with the film include Amazon Prime Video and VUDU. It has also been released on DVD

and Blu-ray.

Q: I’ve been trying to remember the name of a sitcom about convicts that came out about the same time as “Barney Miller.” The two shows were promoted as “Funny Cops, Funny Cons.” I don’t think the convicts show lasted a whole season.

A: That’s “On the Rocks,” which in the fall of 1975 was on immediately after “Barney Miller”; that show had premiered earlier in the same year. According to “The Complete Directory to Prime Time Network and Cable Shows,” ABC promoted the lineup as “funny cops, and funny robbers.” As you remember, “Rocks” was not a success. Jose Perez, Hal Williams and Rick Hurst were among the stars; it was based on a British show called “Porridge.”

Do you have a question or comment about entertainment past, present and future? Write to Rich Heldenfels, P.O. Box 417, Mogadore, OH 44260, or brenfels@gmail.com. Letters may be edited.

HOROSCOPES

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Aries (March 21-April 19): Financial inspiration could strike you today. You might need to make a fundamental change when it comes to how you’re spending your money, reworking or even creating a budget. There might be an expense in the future you’ll want to have money set aside for.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): You might be in a rebellious mood today. Instead of challenging everyone who has an opinion that you don’t like, save your debate skills for something that matters. Use your intelligence to educate anyone who may be spreading unsavory gossip or untrue information.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): A strike of lightning inspiration could come to you today. This eureka moment will likely come when you’re least expecting, but if you’re not ready, then it might escape you. Write down your good ideas. Your memory might not keep up with all the inspiration that pours in.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Your community might be changing. With this, you could be losing a familiar environment or group. You may realize that you’re ready to move on, because you’ve outgrown the place or people. Some relationships simply end to make room for new and more aligned ones.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On April 26, 1865, John Wilkes Booth was surrounded by federal troops near Port Royal, Virginia, and killed.

In 1964, the African nations of Tanganyika and

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): A change in responsibilities may inspire you to level up. You might have been resting on your laurels lately, but it’s time to get serious! Focus on a goal in your mind of where you want to be going in your career, no matter how far away the finish line is. Keep an eye out for a sign to show you your next move.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): An out-of-the-ordinary experience can make a difference in your relationship. This is likely a positive experience. It’s also unlikely that you’re going to go through it alone, and this experience can either bond you or show you why a bond isn’t as strong as you thought it was.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You may see long-awaited progress. However, now that you’re here, the question of what you’re going to do next could crop up in your head. Instead of jumping straight into the next level, you should take some time to appreciate this milestone that you’ve reached.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Someone close to you may surprise you today. Try to be open to what your loved ones want to make happen for you. This is likely not a huge shock, so try to avoid planning the day down to the minute. Instead, allow a little spontaneity. You’re showing them that you trust them.

Zanzibar merged to form Tanzania.

In 1968, the United States exploded beneath the Nevada desert a 1.3 megaton nuclear device

In 1977, the legendary nightclub Studio 54 had its opening night in New York.

In 1986, an explosion and fire at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant in

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A change in your life could make things easier for your family. Your family may begin to show better behavior toward you. Encourage this growth and appreciate the efforts that they’re making, or else they may think you don’t really care if they improve or not. Show gratitude for good behavior.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): There are a lot of fun things you could do today. You might have several interests right now that all require your attention — some better organization might be exactly what you need. Setting reminders can make all the difference, and you may not have to miss out on activities.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Family values may be evolving. Ignorant mind-sets or annoying attitudes may begin to dissolve, and people who were formerly staunch believers in their way might finally hear you out. Keep the faith that people can change, and they may show you their ability to do just that.

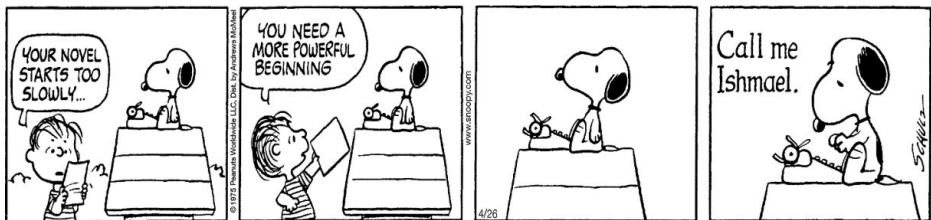
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Surprising information may improve your appearance to others. This could be something that you knew about yourself that other people weren’t aware of. Remember that exaggerating in order to get more clout won’t be worth it. It’s impressive enough as it is!

Ukraine caused radioactive fallout to begin spewing into the atmosphere.

In 1994, voting began in South Africa’s first all-race elections, resulting in the inauguration of Nelson Mandela as president.

In 2000, Vermont Gov. Howard Dean signed the nation’s first bill allowing same-sex couples to form civil unions.

Peanuts By Charles M. Schulz



Classic Doonesbury By Garry Trudeau



Garfield By Jim Davis



Shoe By Gary Brookins & Susie MacNelly



Dustin By Steve Kelley & Jeff Parker



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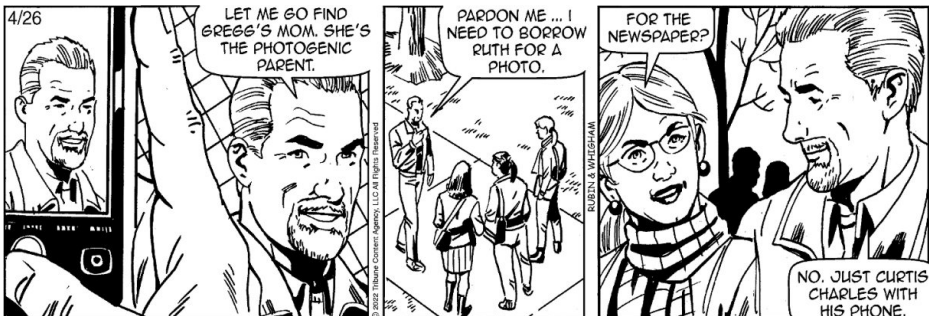
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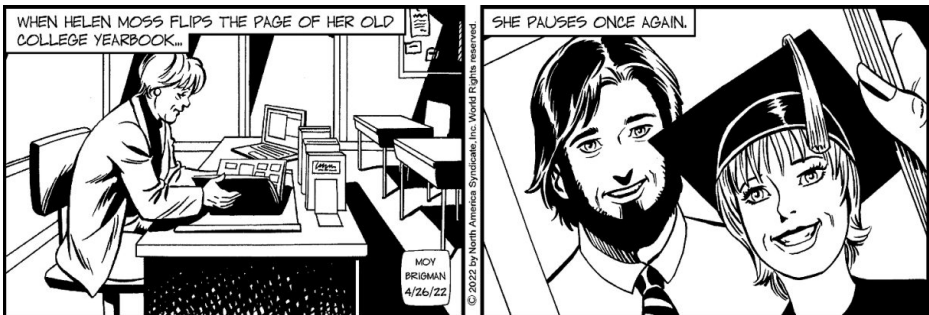
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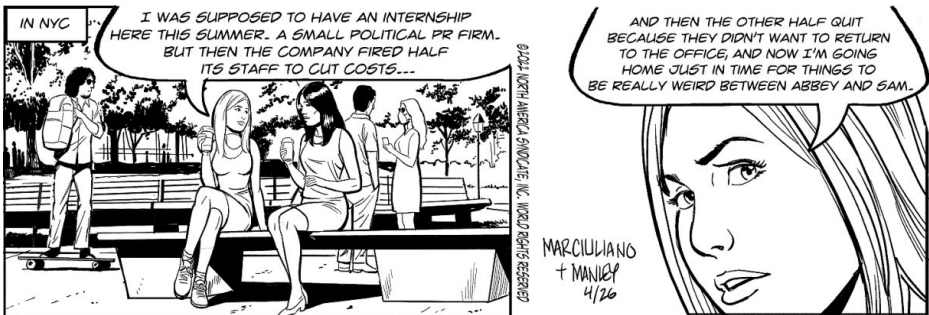
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Rex Morgan, M.D. By Terry Beatty



Judge Parker By Woody Wilson and Mike Manley



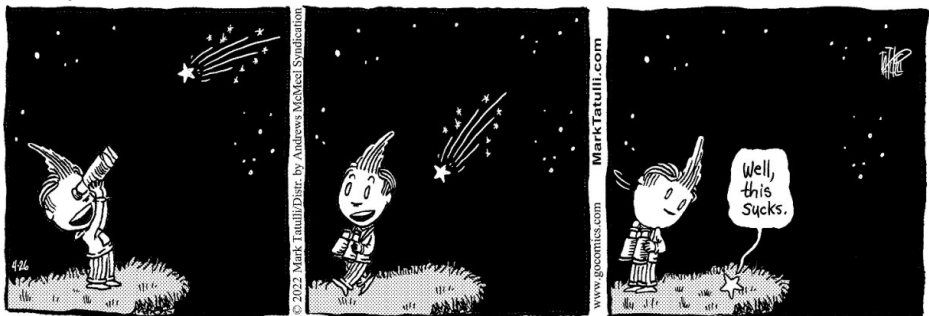
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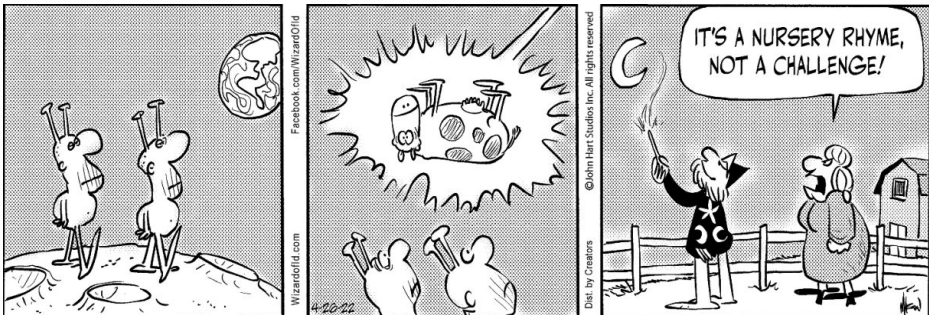
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Bichette's grand slam sinks Sox

By Peter Abraham
Boston Globe

TORONTO — The Red Sox broke spring training with questions about their rotation given the absence of Chris Sale because of another injury.

The bullpen was a concern with closer Matt Barnes struggling to regain his fastball.

A lack of team speed and an infield defense that didn't turn enough ground balls into outs also factored in among the issues.

But at least they'd hit. The lineup was talented enough to mask the other problems.

Three weeks later, the Sox haven't hit, and it's getting ugly.

Bo Bichette's eighth-inning grand slam sent the Toronto Blue Jays to a 6-2 victory against the Red Sox on Monday night.

The Red Sox have lost three straight and five of six with six games remaining on their road trip. They are 3-7 against teams in the American League East.

The Sox have scored only 18 runs in their last seven games. A team that once wore down opposing pitchers is now a jittery bunch that makes quick outs and only occasionally strings hits together.

The Sox snapped a string of 15 consecutive scoreless innings by clawing for two runs in the eighth inning.

Bobby Dalbec and Christian Arroyo started the inning with singles off Blue Jays starter José Berrios. With Berrios at 89 pitches, Toronto went to righthander Adam Cimber.

The Sox resorted to small ball. Kevin Plawewski bunted the runners to second and third. Slumping Kiké Hernández followed with a single to left field, and the Sox were finally

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SUN

'It hurts my heart'

Holmes embracing camp experience after abrupt end to season in Ukraine

By Lila Bromberg
Hartford Courant

Joyner Holmes' heart is heavy when she turns on the news these days. As the Connecticut Sun forward watches CNN reports on the war between Russia and Ukraine, she sees a country that looks completely different from the place she played in for seven months for Ukrainian club BC Prometey in the 2021-22 season.

"How it looks now," Holmes said, "it's just, it's really sad and it hurts my heart."

When Holmes arrived in Ukraine late last August, people were talking about the conflict, but she says everything that unfolded in the following months was still "abrupt" and "not expected."

Holmes and BC Prometey played a game on Jan. 27, defeating Castors Braine by over 20 points. The following day, she went home for the national team break. She hadn't previously planned to do so, but with the threats getting worse her coach let her go. Less than a month later, on Feb. 24, Russian troops began to invade Ukraine.

"It was abrupt and I hate that for these individuals that I was playing with and their families," Holmes said. "... You get so close to them and you get to know them and stuff, and so it's like these people are almost like your family members in a sense. And seeing them lose their homes and their houses and seeing them not be able to contact their families is just something you really can't put into words, because it's not happening to you but you can see it firsthand. And so it was hard."

Holmes didn't return to the

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NBA PLAYOFFS CELTICS 116, NETS 112

A sweeping epic



Celtics guard Marcus Smart, who had 20 points and 11 assists, throws a kiss to the crowd after hitting a 3-pointer in the second half of the Game 4 victory over the Nets. JOHN MINCHILLO/AP

Brown, Smart help Celtics hold off Durant, Brooklyn rally, win series

By Brian Mahoney
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Jayson Tatum scored 29 points before fouling out late, Jaylen Brown had 22 and the Boston Celtics completed a four-game sweep of the Brooklyn Nets, becoming the first team to reach the second round of the playoffs with a 116-112 victory Monday night.

Marcus Smart added 20 points and 11 assists for the No. 2-seeded Celtics, who made easy work

of what was thought could be a tough series. Boston will wait for the winner of the series between Milwaukee and Chicago. The defending champion Bucks hold a 3-1 lead in that series.

Kevin Durant had 39 points, nine assists and seven rebounds, breaking free after the Celtics had defended him well in the first three games. But he couldn't get the Nets the win they needed to extend what instead goes down as a massive failure of a season.

Expected to be an NBA Finals

contender, the Nets needed a strong finish just to grab the No. 7 seed.

Seth Curry scored 23 points for the Nets. Kyrie Irving, whose unavailability for home games much of the season because he isn't vaccinated against the coronavirus contributed to the Nets performing so far below expectations, had 20 points.

The Celtics were under .500 at the midpoint of their season but went 31-10 from there, with Tatum emerging as the scoring star on one

of the NBA's best defensive teams.

That defense limited Durant to just 19-for-52 shooting with 17 turnovers through the first three games and made it tough for him, even as he finally got more shots to drop Monday. He was only 13 of 31 from the field, 3 for 11 behind the arc.

He lost in the first round for the first time since 2010 with Oklahoma City, the first playoff series of his career. He had won nine

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HIGH SCHOOL TRACK & FIELD

High jump, high hopes for Simsbury senior Watson



Tim Watson, the indoor State Open and New England champion in the high jump, is going for the state record in the high jump in outdoor track this season. LORI RILEY/HARTFORD COURANT

By Lori Riley
Hartford Courant

SIMSBURY — In his third track meet of the outdoor season last year, Tim Watson cleared 6 feet, 9 inches in the high jump.

It was a personal best. But as hard as he tried, he couldn't do it again last spring. He was stuck mainly at 6-4, finishing as the State Open runner-up at the height.

Then something clicked over the winter. Watson, a senior at Simsbury, was consistently hitting 6-8 or 6-9. He won the State Open indoor title with a jump of 6-8. He won the New England title with a jump of 6-9. He was happy about his success, but a little frustrated that he was once again stuck, this time at 6-9.

Until last Wednesday, at a quad

meet against Southington. On an unlikely day for a personal best — it was cold and windy — Watson got over the bar at 6-10, tied for the seventh best high school high jump in the country this season.

"It couldn't have been a more perfect meet for him to accomplish it," said Tim Walczak, the Simsbury boys track coach who coaches the jumpers. "The weather was terrible. He didn't have the mindset coming into that meet that he was going to do anything."

"If we can clear out of his head the expectations — just do what you're good at — and he was able to just throw it."

Now Watson, who is going to Penn State for track in the fall, has his eye on the state record, 7 feet, ½ inch, set by Chet Ellis of Staples at the 2019 State Open.

"I always was springy. I always tried to dunk the ball in basketball. It felt natural. The first time I ever did it, I cleared like 5-8 in practice. I decided to stick with it."

— Tim Watson

Watson had always played football, basketball and baseball, but his mom Tricia was a track athlete at Fordham. She tried to steer him toward track, but he wasn't having it — until his friends encouraged him.

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SPORTS

UP NEXT

Celtics: NBA Eastern Conference semifinal round vs. TBD
Nets: NBA First Round at Celtics (Game 5, if necessary), Wednesday, time TBD; NBA First Round vs. Celtics (Game 6, if necessary), Friday, time TBD; NBA First Round at Celtics (Game 7, if necessary), Sunday, time TBD
Bruins: Panthers, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Sabres, Thursday, 7 p.m.; at Maple Leafs, Friday, 7 p.m.
Rangers: Hurricanes, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Canadiens, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.; Capitals, Friday, 7 p.m.
Red Sox: at Blue Jays, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; at Blue Jays, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; at Blue Jays, Thursday, 3 p.m.
Yankees: Orioles, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; at Orioles, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; at Orioles, Thursday, 1 p.m.
Mets: at Cardinals, Tuesday, 7:45 p.m.; at Cardinals, Wednesday, 1:15 p.m.; Phillies, Friday, 7 p.m.
Yard Goats: at Harrisburg, Tuesday, 6 p.m.; at Harrisburg, Wednesday, 11 a.m.; at Harrisburg, Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

TV/RADIO
BASEBALL

7 p.m.: East Carolina at NC State. (Live) ACC
7 p.m.: Red Sox at Blue Jays. (Live) NESN. Radio: 1080
7 p.m.: Orioles at Yankees. (Live) YES. Radio: 97.9
7:30 p.m.: Mets at Cardinals. (Live) TBS, SNY. Radio: 880
9:30 p.m.: Regional Coverage. (Live) MLB

BASKETBALL

7 p.m.: Hawks at Heat. (Live) NBA
7:30 p.m.: Timberwolves at Grizzlies. (Live) TNT
10 p.m.: Pelicans at Suns. (Live) TNT

HOCKEY

9:30 a.m.: IIHF U-18 World Championship Canada vs Czechia. (Live) NHL
1:30 p.m.: IIHF U-18 World Championship United States vs Germany. (Live) NHL
7 p.m.: Panthers at Bruins. (Live) NESN
7 p.m.: Hurricanes at Rangers. (Live) MSG
7 p.m.: Oilers at Penguins. (Live) ESPN
9:30 p.m.: Blues at Avalanche. (Live) ESPN

SOCCER

2:30 p.m.: UEFA Champions League Manchester City vs Real Madrid. (Live) UNI
3 p.m.: UEFA Champions League Manchester City vs Real Madrid. (Live) CBS
3:50 p.m.: CONCACAF Women's U-17 Championship Cuba vs Guatemala. (Live) FSP
6:50 p.m.: CONCACAF Women's U-17 Championship El Salvador vs Haiti. (Live) FSP

SOFTBALL

7 p.m.: McNeese State at LSU. (Live) SEC



J.D. Martinez of the Red Sox hits a second-inning double against the Blue Jays on Monday night in Toronto. MARK BLINCH/GETTY

Sox

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on the board.
Alex Verdugo's fly ball to center field was deep enough to score Arroyo and it was 2-2.
Red Sox starter Nate Eovaldi needed only 72 pitches to get through seven innings. But the Sox went to lefty Matt Strahm.
The Jays copied the Sox with some small ball of their own — at least for

a bit.
After Santiago Espinal singled with one out, Bradley Zimmer poked a bunt down the first base line. Strahm made a nice play to flip the ball to first base, but Dalbec couldn't make the catch. It was ruled a single.
George Springer singled off Tyler Danish to load the bases. Danish followed with two sinkers to Bichette.
The first was off the plate for a ball. The second was sent sailing over the fence in right field for Bichette's first career grand slam.

J.D. Martinez, back in the lineup after missing four games with a left adductor strain, doubled to left-center with one out in the second inning. Jackie Bradley Jr. drew a walk and Dalbec singled to right field to load the bases.
Arroyo, in the lineup at second base with Trevor Story getting a day off, swung at the first pitch and hit a sharp one-hopper back to Berrios.
Like he was throwing another pitch, Berrios fired back to the plate to start a 1-2-3 double play.



The Celtics' Jaylen Brown dunks as Nic Claxton of the Nets defends in the first half Monday at Barclays Center in Brooklyn. ELSA/GETTY

Celtics

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straight first-round series.
Tatum had 12 points in the third quarter, and the Celtics opened a 90-75 lead in the closing seconds of the period. But he went to the bench with a fifth foul with 8:17 remaining, and the Nets made a push that got them within three points about three minutes later.
Tatum fouled out with the Celtics leading by six with 2:48 to play. Irving made a 3-pointer and Durant scored to cut it to 109-108 with 1:28 remaining. But after a basket by Brown, Durant could only make one free throw and the Celtics rushed down the floor, with Al Horford putting back Smart's miss to make it 113-109 with 13 seconds

left.
The Nets hoped they could have Ben Simmons make his debut for them in Game 4, but he was ruled out Sunday with more pain in his back that has troubled him since not long after arriving in a midseason trade with Philadelphia.
Tatum didn't have a basket in the first quarter but got started quickly in the second with two 3-pointers and another jumper. Durant kept the Nets close, and they were down only 45-44 after he found Curry in the corner for a 3-pointer with 3:29 to play. But Grant Williams made three 3-pointers from then until the end of the half, with the final one giving Boston a 58-50 lead.
The Celtics swept a first-round series for the third time in four years. They beat Indiana in four games in 2019 and Philadelphia in 2020 at Walt

Disney World. They lost 4-1 in the first round to the Nets last season.
Nets: Bruce Brown scored just two points after having 26 and 23 in the previous two games, the first time he had consecutive 20-point games in his career. ... Nic Claxton scored 13 points. He was 6 for 6 from the field but 1 for 11 at the free throw line, missing his first 10 before making the last one when the Celtics fouled him intentionally.
SIMMONS SITUATION: Coach Steve Nash said he didn't want to speak for Simmons, but acknowledged there was a mental side beyond the physical problems he is facing. Simmons cited mental health concerns as a reason he sought to leave Philadelphia and didn't suit up for the 76ers this season.

METS

Club not resting on laurels after another hot season start

By Deesha Thosar
New York Daily News

ST. LOUIS — The Mets are the first team in MLB to reach 12 wins. They entered Monday leading the National League East by four games. They've won each of their first five series to begin the season, matching a franchise record. This week in the Midwest, the Mets will look to win their sixth straight series to open the year for the first time in team history.
Yet, despite their winning ways, the Mets are trying not to get carried away with that momentum. Instead, players are keeping their heads down and approaching their strong start with a still-hungry mindset. After all, it's only April. No one understands that better than veteran players, such as Max Scherzer, Carlos Carrasco, Starling Marte and Chris Bassitt.
The first-place Mets are looking for ways they can improve.

"It's easier for us to focus on getting better and improving and not trying to focus on the highs right now," Dominic Smith said Monday at Busch Stadium. "And that starts with Buck"
Smith is certainly not the first player to attribute the Mets' revamped attitude to Buck Showalter. The veteran manager has instilled a work ethic that both new and experienced players find refreshing. Showalter ensures the Mets focus on the basics, the foundation of the game, rather than becoming enamored with statistics, leaderboards, or just going through the motions.
While fans may take pleasure in the team leading the majors in hits (146), being second in on-base percentage (.343), third in runs (81), fourth in batting average (.256) and ranking in the top 10 in several other offensive categories, that minutiae is exactly what Showalter does not want his players concentrating on.
Smith said Showalter just wants the Mets to display good fundamentals and have an excellent understanding of the ground rules; then the wins will follow. In that way, Smith said, the Mets will not become stagnant. The team would like to avoid a repeat of previous seasons, including last year, when they had control of first place for over 100 games only to spiral, miss the playoffs and finish third in the division.
"We have been winning ballgames, but we still focus on ways we could improve," Smith said. "Whether it be defensively; it could be hitting with runners in scoring position; it could be anything. It could be ground rules. It could be baserunning, the little things."

Sun

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country. The team finished the season in Bulgaria, though it was still cut short.
"Honestly, it kind of sucked," Holmes said. "... I think we lost like three games the entire season — one in Ukraine — and so I was really looking forward to kind of finishing the season out, winning the cup and going to the finals and stuff like that."
Holmes then spent about a month back home in Texas. Preparing to compete for a spot on the Connecticut Sun, who signed her to a training camp contract in February, was a challenge with the structure of practices and games gone.
"That was hard mentally," Holmes said. "Like, you see all these people playing and you want to be at that caliber and be playing at that caliber when you get to camp, so I think that was a little challenging for me, but I settled in pretty well so I'm enjoying it so far."
The 6-foot-3 Holmes, who played with the New York Liberty in 2020 and spent time on the Las Vegas Aces at the start of last season before being cut, then

came to Connecticut for training camp with the Sun. Holmes said she has focused on extending her shooting range, passing, being more vocal and post defense.
Veteran guard Jasmine Thomas mentioned Holmes as one of the players who had stood out so far. Assistant Chris Koclanes has been impressed as well.
"What I've appreciated most about Joyner is her coachability," Koclanes said. "She just came in eager to learn and apply, and she is the ultimate team player right now. Just she's so gifted, right? She's got so much athleticism. There's so much there, potential. And she's really, really trying to learn and play within the system, right?"
"She's naturally gifted. She can go and make all these plays. It's just a matter of her being able to play within a system. You know, can she do what we're trying to do on both sides of the ball, and she's been really intentional about that."
Holmes' task in training camp certainly isn't an easy one: She's been going head to head with league MVP Jonquel Jones each day in practice. In describing the experience guarding Jones, Holmes thinks back to when her season overseas was abruptly



Sun forward Joyner Holmes, right, shown in 2020 while playing for the New York Liberty, was playing professionally in Ukraine shortly before Russia invaded. APFILE

ended because of the conflict in Ukraine.
"It's been interesting going against the MVP every day. It's not something that you would think or expect to be doing two months ago," Holmes said. "So I'm having fun with it. Jones is great on and off the court. She helps us a lot in different segments and different areas and stuff, so that's really helpful. But just trying to have fun and learn as much as you can with the individuals around you."
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Watson

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"Freshman year, after basketball season, I wanted to train for football and basketball, and the last day I could sign up for track, I signed up," he said. "My friends told me to do it."
Initially he did a little bit of everything. Then he tried the high jump and qualified for the state meet in his first meet.
"I always was springy," he said. "I always tried to dunk the ball in basketball. It felt natural. The first time I ever did it, I cleared like 5-8 in practice. I decided to stick with it."
He finished third in the Class L meet as a freshman with a jump of 6 feet.
He played JV basketball his sophomore year, then COVID-19 canceled the outdoor track season and the following indoor track season, his junior year.
But in the summer of 2020, he had started working with a coach. Mike Pascuzzo, in New Jersey and when last spring rolled around, he was ready to improve. He did, then plateaued.
"He got stuck in his head," Walczak said. "He had been stuck at 6-4, ever since the 6-9. It was kind of like this elephant in the room that we just couldn't get past."

"Now when he jumps, I tell him you need to pretend your 6-9 or your 6-10 is 6-4. When he clears it, when his mind is on nothing other than just doing the motions, he soars. It's only when he starts to think about the height that things start to come into play."
Until last week, when everything came together. And of course, now he wants to go higher.
Watson also runs the third leg of the 4x100 relay — "He's one of the fastest kids on the team," said Jeff Osborne, who coaches the Simsbury sprinters — and the relay team, which ran 44.49 last week, will be attempting to break the school record in a dual meet Tuesday.
He's also competed in the 110 high hurdles, the long jump and the shot put for the Trojans.
He wants to major in business at Penn State. But first, there's his final outdoor season. He watched Ellis set the state record in 2019 when Watson was a freshman.
"He's got [the 6-10 jump] in his back pocket," Walczak said. "He's got the state record in his sights. We've got several more meets to go. If it works, it works. If it doesn't, it's been an amazing run. I try to put that in perspective with him. Just embrace it. Enjoy this moment."

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BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	10	6	.625	—	—	7-3	W-3	7-3	3-3
Toronto	10	6	.625	—	—	6-4	L-1	4-2	6-4
Tampa Bay	9	7	.563	1	—	5-5	W-2	6-4	3-3
Boston	7	9	.438	3	2	4-6	L-2	3-4	4-5
Baltimore	6	10	.375	4	3	5-5	L-1	3-3	3-7

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Minnesota	8	8	.500	—	—	6-4	W-4	5-4	3-4
Cleveland	7	8	.467	½	1 ½	4-6	L-3	3-3	4-5
Chicago	6	9	.400	1 ½	2 ½	2-8	L-7	4-2	2-7
Detroit	6	9	.400	1 ½	2 ½	4-6	L-2	4-8	2-1
Kansas City	5	9	.357	2	3	3-7	L-4	5-5	0-4

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Seattle	10	6	.625	—	—	8-2	W-3	7-2	3-4
Los Angeles	9	7	.563	1	—	6-4	W-1	4-5	5-2
Oakland	9	8	.529	1 ½	½	5-5	W-1	4-3	5-5
Houston	7	8	.467	2 ½	1 ½	3-7	W-1	2-4	5-4
Texas	5	10	.333	4 ½	3 ½	4-6	L-1	1-5	4-5

BOX SCORES

SAN FRANCISCO 4, MILWAUKEE 2

San Francisco	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Pederson rf	3	0	1	0	2	.362
Dubon cf	0	0	0	0	0	.150
Belt 1b	3	0	1	0	1	.241
Rf If	3	0	0	0	0	.164
Slater rf	0	0	0	0	0	.214
Crawford ss	4	0	0	0	3	.230
Flores dh	3	1	0	0	2	.268
Gonzalez cf-rf-If4	1	2	2	0	0	.308
Estrada 2b	4	0	1	0	1	.258
Vosler 3b	3	0	0	0	2	.267
Casali c	4	1	1	0	2	.174
TOTALS	31	4	6	4	14	
Milwaukee	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
McCutchen dh	4	0	0	0	1	.237
Adames ss	4	1	1	1	2	.194
Yelich If	4	0	1	0	0	.196
Renfro rf	4	0	0	0	1	.228
Hiura 1b	2	1	1	0	1	.240
a-Tellez ph	1	0	0	0	1	.208
Cain cf	4	0	0	0	0	.143
Caratini c	3	0	0	0	2	.238
Brosseau 3b	3	0	2	1	0	.211
Wong 2b	3	0	0	0	1	.161
TOTALS	32	2	5	2	9	
San Francisco	000	000	022	—	4	6
Milwaukee	010	000	010	—	2	5

a-struck out for Hiura in the 9th. **E:** Leone (1). **LOB:** San Francisco 5, Milwaukee 4. **2B:** Casali (2), Estrada (3). **HR:** Pederson (6), off Gott; Gonzalez (1), off Cousins; Adames (2), off McGee.

RBIs: Pederson 2 (10), Gonzalez 2 (5), Brosseau (3), Adames (5).

SB: Gonzalez (0). **CS:** Gonzalez (1).

Runners left in scoring position: San Francisco 2 (Ruf, Casali); Milwaukee 1 (Caratini). **RISP:** San Francisco 1 for 3; Milwaukee 1 for 3. **Runners moved up:** Cain 2. **GIDP:** Crawford. **DP:** Milwaukee 1 (Hiura, Adames).

SAN FRANCISCOIP H R ER BB SO ERA

Long	1	1	0	0	0	1	0.00
Leone	1	2	1	0	0	1	1.42
Brebba	2	0	0	0	1	2	1.12
Littell	1	1	0	0	0	3	0.00
Alvarez	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.93
Marte	1	0	0	0	0	0	1.80
McGee, W, 1-1	1	1	1	1	0	3	1.18
Doval, S, 4-5	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.24

MILWAUKEE IP H R ER BB SO ERA

Burnes	6⅔	2	5	0	0	2	11.75
Gott	1⅔	2	2	2	0	1	2.57
Cousins, L, 2-1	1	2	2	2	2	2	6.00
Pitches-Strikes:	Long 18-12; Leone 21-14; Brebbia 29-16; Littell 13-12; Alvarez 11-7; Marte 8-5; McGee 15-9; Doval 15-9; Burnes 106-69; Gott 12-10; Cousins 32-19.						

Inherited runners-scored: Gott 1-0. **IBB:** off Cousins (Vosler).

HBP: Burnes (Belt).

Umpires: HP, Andy Fletcher; First, Bill Welke; Second, Gabe Morales; Third, Chris Segal. T: 3:01. A: 21,186(41,900).

STARTING PITCHER LEADERS

TM	ERA	W	L	IP	ER	HR	SO
CIN	6.85	3	11	67.0	51	8	69
WSN	6.72	5	11	79.0	59	12	71
PIT	6.50	0	8	63.2	46	10	55
TEX	5.97	1	5	57.1	38	11	62
CHC	5.60	3	7	70.2	44	9	61
KCR	5.01	1	5	64.2	36	7	95
PHI	4.85	3	7	78.0	42	7	76
ATL	4.75	6	9	85.1	45	8	98
HOU	4.60	4	5	72.1	37	9	58
CHW	4.45	3	6	62.2	31	7	73
TOR	4.42	5	2	75.1	37	9	70
COL	4.38	4	4	76.0	37	7	55
BOS	4.27	3	5	71.2	34	13	66
DET	4.14	2	6	67.1	31	7	49
LAA	4.01	4	5	74.0	33	7	80
TBR	3.90	1	5	60.0	26	7	64
BAL	3.68	2	3	63.2	26	6	48
STL	3.65	6	5	66.2	27	5	65
OAK	3.54	7	7	86.1	34	11	70
MIL	3.54	5	4	81.1	32	7	88
CLE	3.53	3	4	71.1	28	6	58
MIA	3.46	5	5	78.0	30	7	80
SDP	3.18	6	5	90.2	32	13	92
SFG	3.17	7	5	88.0	31	13	70
SEA	3.14	7	2	80.1	28	5	90
MIN	2.68	6	5	74.0	22	8	63
NYG	2.62	3	2	75.2	22	8	84
NYM	2.46	9	2	91.1	25	7	96
ARI	2.36	3	4	72.1	19	6	62
LAD	2.35	7	2	72.2	19	6	73

PLAYER	QS	TEAM	W	L	ERA
Yu Darvish	3	SDP	1	1	4.43
Sean Manaea	3	SDP	2	2	3.47
Alek Manoah	3	TOR	3	0	2.00
Frankie Montas	3	OAK	2	2	3.28
Joe Musgrove	3	SDP	2	0	1.89
Robbie Ray	3	SEA	2	1	3.91
Logan Webb	3	SFG	2	1	2.96
Sandy Alcantara	2	MIA	1	0	1.86
Chris Bassitt	2	NYM	2	1	3.80
Corbin Burnes	2	MIL	1	1	2.37
Chris Flexen	2	SEA	1	2	3.63
Kyle Gibson	2	PHI	1	1	3.57
Brad Keller	2	KCR	0	2	2.55
Chad Kuhl	2	COL	2	0	1.10
Eric Lauer	2	MIL	1	0	2.20
Sj/ McClanahan	2	TBR	1	1	2.45
Ryan McGill	2	MIN	1	1	1.69
Max Scherzer	2	NYM	3	0	2.50
Justin Verlander	2	HOU	1	1	1.89
Kyle Wright	2	ATL	2	0	1.06

INNINGS	IP	TM	ERA	HR
Robbie Ray	25.1	SEA	3.91	4
Frankie Montas	24.2	OAK	3.28	2
Logan Webb	24.1	SFG	2.96	1
Sean Manaea	23.1	SDP	3.47	3
Tyler Megill	23.0	NYM	2.35	2
Shane McClellanahan	22.0	TBR	2.45	2
Cole Irvin	21.2	OAK	3.32	4
Aaron Nola	21.0	PHI	3.74	4
Adam Wainwright	21.0	STL	3.86	2
Yu Darvish	20.1	SDP	4.43	2
Kyle Hendricks	20.1	CHC	3.98	1

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baseball-reference.com

ON THIS DATE

APRIL 26
1902: Cleveland's Addie Joss pitched a one-hitter in his major league debut. Joss allowed a scratch single to Jessie Burkett as the Indians beat the St. Louis Browns 3-0.

1905: Jack McCarthy of the Cubs threw out three runners at the plate, each of whom became the second out of a double play. McCarthy's defense preserved a 2-1 win over the Pirates.

1907: Johnny Bates of the Boston Doves hit for cycle vs. the Brooklyn Superbas.

1941: The Cubs became the first major league team to install an organ at their ballpark. Roy Nelson took to the keyboard and played a pregame program.

LATE SUNDAY:

MILWAUKEE 1, PHILADELPHIA 0						
Milwaukee	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
McCutchen lf	4	0	1	0	1	.255
Yelich dh	3	0	0	1	2	.192
Adames ss	3	0	0	0	0	.190
Tellez 1b	3	0	0	0	1	.213
Renfro rf	3	0	0	0	1	.245
Narvaez c	3	0	0	0	2	.212
Hiura 2b	2	0	0	0	2	.217
b-Wong ph-2b	1	0	0	0	0	.170
Peterson 3b	3	1	1	0	1	.147
Taylor cf	3	0	1	0	0	.214

San Francisco	000	000	001	—	1	3	0
Philadelphia	000	000	000	—	0	5	0

a-grounded out for Vierling in the 7th.

b-flued out for Hiura in the 8th. **LOB:** Milwaukee 2, Philadelphia 7.

2B: Taylor (4), Schwarber (2), Real-mo (3).

RBIs: Yelich (8). **SF:** Yelich.

Runners left in scoring position: Milwaukee 1 (McCutchen); Philadelphia 3 (Hoskins 2, Schwarber).

RISP: Milwaukee 0 for 1; Philadelphia 1 for 5.

MILWAUKEE IP H R ER BB SO ERA

Lauer	6	5	0	0	1	13.20
Boxberger	1	0	0	0	1	0.00
Williams, W, 1-0	1	0	0	1	1	5.68
Hader, S, 8-8	1	0	0	0	1	0.00

PHILADELPHIAIP H R ER BB SO ERA

Nola	7	1	0	0	1	9	3.74
Familia	1	0	0	0	0	1	5.40
Knebel, L, 0-1	1	2	1	1	0	0	1.29

Pitches-Strikes: Lauer 98-66; Boxberger 10-7; Williams 12-7; Hader 12-7; Nola 89-62; Familia 10-7; Knebel 14-8.

Ground Balls-Fly Balls: Lauer 1-2; Boxberger 2-0; Williams 1-1; Hader 1-1; Nola 5-7; Familia 0-1; Knebel 0-2.

Batters Faced: Lauer 24; Boxberger 3; Williams 4; Hader 3; Nola 22; Familia 3; Knebel 3.

Umpires: HP, Angel Hernandez; 1B, James Hoey; 2B, Jim Wolf; 3B, D.J. Reyburn. T: 2:49. A: 26,175(42,792).

RELIEVER LEADERS

TM	ERA	W	L	SV	IP	HR	SO
PHI	4.57	3	4	3	61.0	5	60
TEX	4.40	4	5	1	73.2	13	77
ARI	4.39	3	6	3	69.2	7	46
ATL	4.38	1	1	6	63.2	5	80
LAA	4.37	5	2	3	68.0	12	49
COL	4.27	6	1	9	59.0	4	49
MIN	4.16	2	3	2	67.0	11	71
KCR	4.11	4	4	3	61.1	3	72
WSN	4.10	1	1	3	79.0	5	79
CIN	4.10	0	2	3	68.0	7	66
SDP	4.03	4	2	5	60.1	8	68
PIT	3.75	8	0	5	74.1	6	69
CHW	3.74	3	3	5	67.1	5	75
CLE	3.73	4	4	2	60.1	9	60
MIA	3.33	2	3	4	64.0	7	56
NYM	3.26	3	3	3	60.2	6	74
TBR	3.08	8	2	4	79.0	8	82
BOS	3.04	4	4	4	71.0	5	82
OAK	2.98	2	1	6	63.1	4	69
MIL	2.91	5	4	8	58.2	3	65
BAL	2.75	4	4	4	75.1	4	71
TOR	2.73	5	4	9	66.0	6	60
SEA	2.62	3	1	3	55.0	6	66
CHC	2.54	4	2	5	67.1	6	75
HOU	2.51	3	3	3	61.0	4	65
NYU	2.44	7	4	6	70.0	3	75
DET	2.30	4	3	4	66.2	3	67
LAD	2.07	4	2	4	61.0	3	54
STL	1.95	3	0	4	55.0	4	50
SFG	1.71	4	3	6	63.1	3	51

NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

SHORTS

Youth movement: Alcaraz into top 10



Carlos Alcaraz moved up to No. 9 in the ATP rankings on Monday, a little more than a month before he turns 19, making him the youngest man to break into the top 10 since Rafael Nadal did it exactly 17 years ago. Alcaraz rose two spots after winning the Barcelona Open on Sunday. He beat Pablo Carreño Busta 6-3, 6-2 in the final. At 18 years, 11 months and 20 days old, Alcaraz is the ninth-youngest man to reach the top 10 since the computer rankings began in 1973. His fellow Spaniard Nadal was about a month younger when he climbed into the top 10 on April 25, 2005, after a title on Barcelona's clay. The youngest man to crack that elite level on the ATP Tour was Aaron Krickstein, who was 11 days past his 17th birthday when he made his debut in the top 10 in August 1984. Alcaraz is tied with Nadal for the most ATP titles in 2022 with three; his 23 match wins are second behind only Stefanos Tsitsipas, who has 24 victories this season. Novak Djokovic remained at No. 1 after finishing as the runner-up at the Serbia Open, with Daniil Medvedev still at No. 2, Alexander Zverev at No. 3 and Nadal at No. 4.

Prime Time puts spotlight on HBCUs

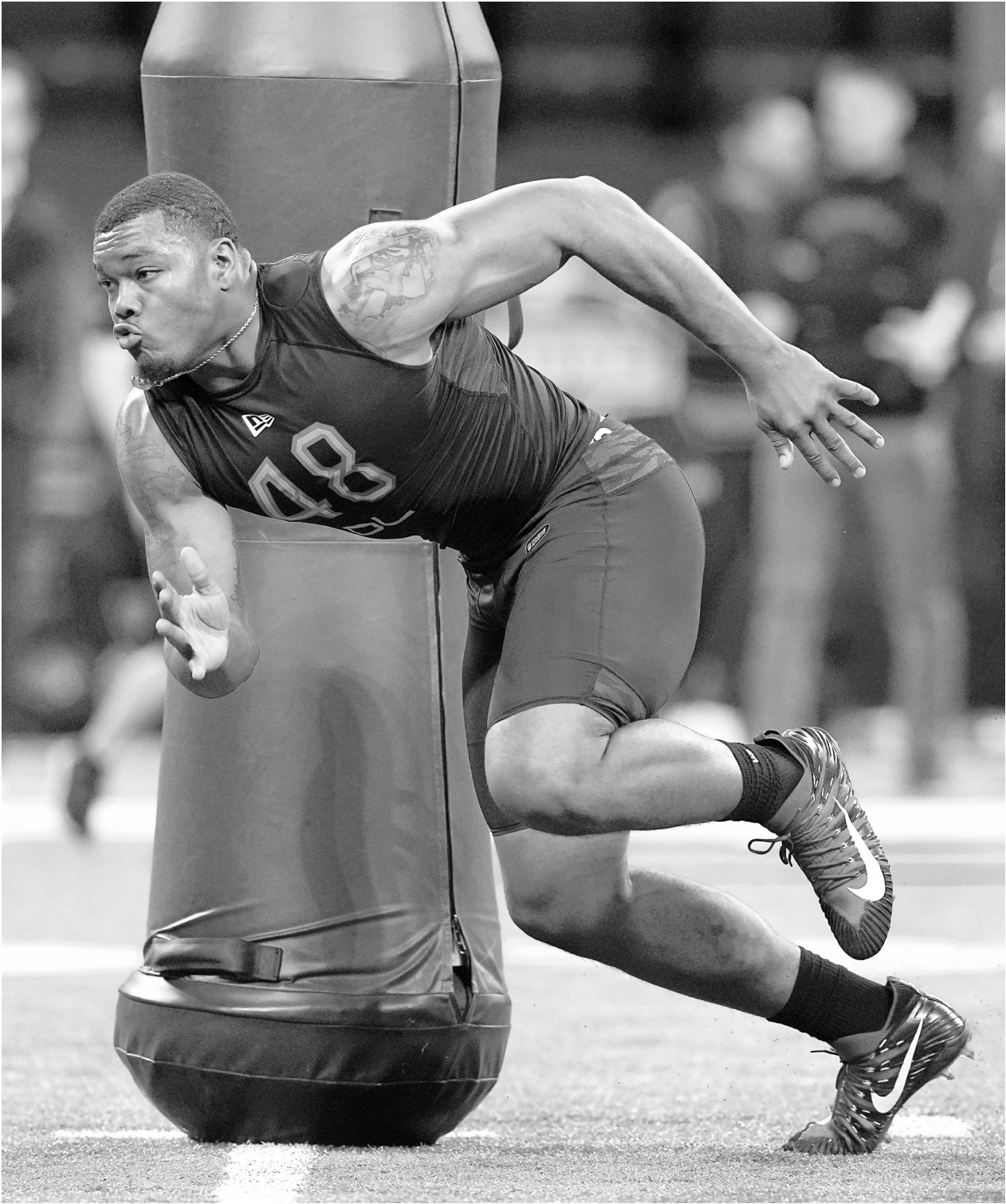


Deion Sanders did his part to make sure NFL teams don't overlook players from historically Black colleges in this week's draft. The Jackson State coach and Pro Football Hall of Famer released his "Prime Prospects" on Monday, featuring 16 players from 12 HBCUs. Last year, not one HBCU player was drafted. "My prediction is five to seven, maybe 10 guys that should be drafted," Sanders, above, told The AP. "We have at least 15, 16 truly draftable guys, more that I feel like probably are going to get drafted. Exposure helps. What's going on and what's translating today in HBCU football is helping tremendously. We're getting a lot of shine." Neon Deion has helped provide a spotlight on HBCU players since leaving his analyst duties at NFL Network and taking over at Jackson State in 2020. The 54-year-old Sanders was the Southwestern Athletic Conference coach of the year in 2021 after leading the Tigers to an 11-2 record. The inaugural Legacy Bowl held in February in New Orleans also gave top football players from HBCU schools a new level of exposure to pro scouts and executives.

UK government plans soccer reforms



The British government will establish an independent regulator in English football to deal with the game's finances, club ownership and corporate governance, the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) announced in a statement Monday. The regulator will be backed by primary legislation to provide it with the statutory powers to licence and sanction clubs. The government will endorse the 10 key recommendations set out in its fan-led review of governance in the game. The regulator will also be tasked with applying an enhanced owners' and directors' test, both ahead of an acquisition of a club but also on an ongoing basis. It will replace the current tests administered by the Premier League, English Football League and the Football Association. "Football brings friends, families, and communities together, which is why we are taking forward the fan-led plans to secure the future of our national game," Prime Minister Boris Johnson, above, said. The regulator will be given the power to exercise financial oversight of clubs, including enforcement powers. —News services



Georgia defensive lineman Travon Walker could end up as the No. 1 overall pick in this week's NFL draft. DARRON CUMMINGS/AP

NFL DRAFT TOP DEFENSIVE PLAYERS

Upfront investment

Teams in need of line help will have plenty of options

By Ralph D. Russo
Associated Press

In an NFL draft filled with top prospects on the lines, as many as six seem likely to be taken in the first round. That could begin with either Michigan edge rusher Aidan Hutchinson or Georgia's Travon Walker. Safety might be the stronger position than cornerback for the opening round, but there is plenty of depth at both positions. Linebacker isn't a deep spot in this crop. Top defensive players available in the NFL draft, scheduled for Thursday through Saturday:

Edge rushers

Position outlook: This is the pass-rushers draft with as many as four top-10 selections and eight going in the first round.

Aidan Hutchinson (Michigan)

Breakdown: Relentless and efficient pass rusher with a good combination of technique and an assortment of moves. Overall athleticism is a notch below some elite pass rushers who have gone in the top five in recent years like the Bosa brothers. The Heisman Trophy runner-up is the odds-on favorite to be the the No. 1 overall pick Thursday, but it's far from a lock.

Kayvon Thibodeaux (Oregon)

Breakdown: Pounces past blockers

to make plays in the backfield with uncanny burst and length. Long, lean build doesn't lend itself to adding weight. Thibodeaux could slip out of the top five, but probably not far.

Travon Walker (Georgia)

Breakdown: Speed and athleticism for his size and build are prototypical and he could probably add some weight without losing much of what makes him special. Pass-rush technique needs work. Walker is a top-five pick with No. 1 overall potential.

Jermaine Johnson II (FSU)

Breakdown: Plays with power, leverage and great effort, making him effective rushing the passer and against the run. After he only played full time one season, Johnson's technique and fundamentals are underdeveloped. Johnson may slip out of the top 10.

George Karlaftis (Purdue)

Breakdown: Quick off the ball with strong hands to knock blockers off balance, but arms shorter than ideal and needs to finish more plays after 14 ½ career sacks in 27 games. Karlaftis should go around No. 20.

Cornerbacks

Position outlook: Two, maybe three top-15 picks and good depth into Day 2.

Ahmad Gardner (Cincinnati)

Breakdown: Tall, long-armed and fast. Moves his lanky frame smoothly

and plays aggressively at the line of scrimmage. Not a lot of power in his game and he can get grabby, but the corner nicknamed Sauce was the definition of lockdown. It's not out of the question Gardner goes at No. 2 overall.

Derek Stingley Jr. (LSU)

Breakdown: Strong man-to-man technique. Plays balanced to mirror receivers. Can get lost in zone coverage and in run support. He could be taken in the middle of the first round, which would be a steal for a player seemed destined to be top five as a freshman.

Trent McDuffie (Washington)

Breakdown: The latest in a recent line of tough and sound Washington corneres. Lacking length, had only two picks in 28 career games. McDuffie should go in the first half of the first round.

Andrew Booth Jr. (Clemson)

Breakdown: Smooth in coverage and physical in run support, but tends to give up plays in front of him when not in press coverage. He should be taken late in Round 1.

Other positions

Interior lineman (Jordan Davis, Georgia); linebacker (Devin Lloyd, Utah; Nakobe Dean, Georgia); safety (Kyle Hamilton, Notre Dame; Lewis Cine, Georgia; Dax Hill, Michigan).

NBA PLAYOFFS

Pelicans proving pesky foe for Suns

By Peter Finney Jr. | Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — The Pelicans started their season 3-16. Now, they're proving to be a handful for the top-seeded Suns in the Western Conference playoffs.

Brandon Ingram scored 16 of his 30 points in the third quarter and the eighth-seeded Pelicans beat the Suns — playing without injured star Devin Booker — 118-103 in Game 4 on Sunday night to tie the first-round series at 2-2. Game 5 is Tuesday night in Phoenix.

"Brandon is playing some of his best basketball of the season, and he's doing it on the biggest stage, and it's great to see," said Pelicans coach Willie Green, a rookie head coach who kept his young team together in the midst of its early season struggles and now has forced a best-of-three playoff match with the top-seeded Suns. "I'm just trying to move out of the way and let him do his thing."

Ingram says it feels like it's the Pelicans' time. "We've worked so hard throughout the year to become a better team," Ingram said. "My teammates put me in the right spots and are making me look good."

Jonas Valanciunas had 26 points and 15 rebounds, and rookie guard Herb Jones, a defensive specialist, played smothering defense against Chris Paul.

Paul, who had 19-point fourth quarters in the Suns' two playoff wins, was held to four points in 35 minutes. He had 11 assists, but committed three turnovers.

It was a physical game. The Pelicans converted 32 of 42 free throws while the Suns went to the line only 15 times and made 10.

"It was like the old NBA," said Paul, who was picked up in the backcourt by Jones nearly the entire game. "I told the refs, 'Are we playing old NBA of new NBA?' I was fortunate enough to play in both. Regardless, whatever it is, you've to adjust early in the game and figure it out."

Jones said he simply tried to be more aggressive against Paul and not give him room to maneuver.

"We were trying to be more disruptive and physical," Jones said. "That's been a huge part of our game, especially in the playoffs. You've got to play with a little more fire."

Suns coach Monty Williams didn't want to take away from the Pelicans' effort, but he was upset by the disparity in foul shots.

"Forty-two to 15 in free throws — slice it any way you like to, in a playoff game that's physical, that's amazing," Williams said. "Coaches shouldn't have to come up to the microphone and feel like they're going to get their head cut off for speaking the truth. It's not like we didn't attack the basket. That's really hard to do. They outplayed us and they deserved to win, but that's a free throw disparity."

The Suns played their second straight game without Booker, their leading scorer, who strained his right hamstring after scoring 31 first-half points in the Suns' Game 2 loss. He's out indefinitely.

"We can't worry about that," Williams said. "The guys who are on the floor just did it (win) the other day when we played hard and didn't shoot the 3-ball well but still won the game. (The Pelicans) played much harder."

Deandre Ayton led the Suns with 23 points and eight rebounds, and fellow center JaVale McGee had 14 points.

The Pelicans led 89-85 with 8:05 left and used a 12-0 run to ice it. Valanciunas, limited to six points in a Game 3 loss, scored 10 points in a 3:34 span of the fourth quarter to help the hosts pull away. He punctuated his scoring spree with a 3-pointer from the left wing.

"We showed aggressiveness and were physical," Valanciunas said. "(The Suns are) a physical team and their defense is good, and matching their physicality is the key."

The Pelicans had a 35-23 advantage in the third quarter. Ingram was the catalyst, making 7 of 10 shots and assisting on two other baskets as the Pelicans took an 84-74 lead. His flurry started on the Pelicans' first three possessions of the half, with a pair of 15-footers and a layup.

TUESDAY'S GAMES

Heat vs. Hawks

Where, when, TV: Miami; 7 p.m. EDT; NBA TV.
Bottom line: The top-seeded Heat lead the Eastern Conference first-round series 3-1 and can close it out at home after earning a 110-86 road victory in Game 4 on Sunday. Jimmy Butler had 36 points in the win. DeAndre Hunter scored 24 points for the eighth-seeded Hawks.

Grizzlies vs. Timberwolves

Where, when, TV: Memphis; 7:30 p.m. EDT; TNT.
Bottom line: The Western Conference first-round series is tied 2-2 after the seventh-seeded Timberwolves earned a 119-118 home victory in Game 4 on Saturday. Karl-Anthony Towns had 33 points in the win. Desmond Bane scored 34 points for the second-seeded Grizzlies.

Suns vs. Pelicans

Where, when, TV: Phoenix; 10 p.m. EDT; TNT.
Bottom line: The West first-round series is tied 2-2 after the eighth-seeded Pelicans earned a 118-103 home victory in Game 4 on Sunday. Brandon Ingram had 30 points in the win. Deandre Ayton scored 23 points for the top-seeded Suns.

SCOREBOARD

NBA

PLAYOFF SCHEDULE
EAST FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
#1 Miami 3, #8 Atlanta 1
April 17: Miami 115-91
April 19: Miami 115-105
April 22: Atlanta 111-110
April 24: Miami 110-86
Tuesday: at Miami, 7 p.m.
x-Thursday: at Atlanta, TBD
x-Saturday: at Miami, TBD

#2 Boston 4, #7 Brooklyn 0
April 17: Boston 115-114
April 20: Boston 114-107
April 23: Boston 109-103
Monday: Boston 116-112

#3 Milwaukee 3, #6 Chicago 1
April 17: Milwaukee 93-86
April 20: Chicago 114-109
April 22: Milwaukee 111-81
April 24: Milwaukee 119-95.
Wednesday: at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
x-Friday: at Chicago, TBD
x-Sunday: at Milwaukee, TBD

#4 Philadelphia 3, #5 Toronto 1
April 16: Philadelphia 131-111
April 18: Philadelphia 112-97
April 20: Philadelphia 104-101 (OT)
April 23: Toronto 110-102
Monday: at Philadelphia, late
x-Thursday: at Toronto, TBD
x-Saturday: at Philadelphia, TBD

WEST FIRST ROUND
#1 Phoenix 2, #8 New Orleans 2
April 17: Phoenix 110-99
April 19: New Orleans 125-114
April 22: Phoenix 114-111
April 24: New Orleans 118-103
Tuesday: at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
Thursday: at New Orleans, TBD
x-Saturday: at Phoenix, TBD

#2 Memphis 2, #7 Minnesota 2
April 16: Minnesota 130-117
April 19: Memphis 124-96
April 21: Memphis 104-95
April 23: Minnesota 119-118
Tuesday: at Memphis, 7:30 p.m.
Friday: at Minnesota, TBD
x-Sunday: at Memphis, TBD

#3 Golden State 3, #6 Denver 1
April 16: Golden State 123-107
April 18: Golden State 126-106
April 21: Golden State 118-113
April 24: Denver 126-121
Wednesday: at Golden State, 10 p.m.
x-Friday: at Denver, TBD
x-Sunday: at Golden State, TBD

#4 Dallas 2, #5 Utah 2
April 16: Utah 99-93
April 18: Dallas 110-104
April 21: Dallas 126-118
April 23: Utah 100-99
Monday: at Dallas, late
Thursday: at Utah, TBD
x-Saturday: at Dallas, TBD

KIA MOST IMPROVED PLAYER				
VOTING (TEAM)	1	2	3	PTS
Ja Morant (Mem)	38	9	4	221
Dejounte Murray (SA)	20	23	183	
Darius Garland (C/e)	11	36	15	178
Jordan Poole (GS)	15	12	20	131
Desmond Bane (Mem)	7	10	9	74
Tyrese Maxey (Phi)	6	5	7	52
Miles Bridges (Char)	3	4	11	38
Anfernee Simons (Por)	0	3	4	13
Robert Williams III (Bos)	0	0	4	4
Jaren Jackson Jr. (Mem)	0	1	0	3
Jalen Brunson (Dal)	0	0	2	2
Max Strus (Mia)	0	0	1	1

PAST MOST IMPROVED PLAYERS
1985-86: Alvin Robertson, San Antonio
1986-87: Dale Ellis, Seattle
1987-88: Kevin Duckworth, Portland
1988-89: Kevin Johnson, Phoenix
1989-90: Rony Seikaly, Miami
1990-91: Scott Skiles, Orlando
1991-92: Pervis Ellison, Washington
1992-93: Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf, Denver
1993-94: Don MacLean, Washington
1994-95: Dana Barros, Philadelphia
1995-96: Georgehe Muresan, Wash.
1996-97: Isaac Austin, Miami
1997-98: Alan Henderson, Atlanta
1998-99: Darrell Armstrong, Orlando
1999-00: Jalen Rose, Indiana
2000-01: Tracy McGrady, Orlando
2001-02: Jermaine O'Neal, Indiana
2002-03: Gilbert Arenas, Golden State
2003-04: Zach Randolph, Portland
2004-05: Boris Simmons, LA Clippers
2005-06: Boris Diaw, Phoenix
2006-07: Monta Ellis, Golden State
2007-08: Hedo Turkoglu, Orlando
2008-09: Danny Granger, Indiana
2009-10: Aaron Brooks, Houston
2010-11: Kevin Love, Minnesota
2011-12: Ryan Anderson, Orlando
2012-13: Paul George, Indiana
2013-14: Goran Draic, Phoenix
2014-15: Jimmy Butler, Chicago
2015-16: CJ McCollum, Portland
2016-17: Giannis Antetokounmpo, Mil
2017-18: Victor Oladipo, Indiana
2018-19: Pascal Siakam, Toronto
2019-20: Brandon Ingram, New OrL
2020-21: Julius Randle, New York
2021-22: Ja Morant, Memphis

TENNIS

ATP MILLENNIUM ESTORIL OPEN
At Clube de Tenis do Estoril, Estoril, Portugal, Red clay-outdoors
MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32
#5 Frances Tiafoe d. Dusan Lajovic, 2-6, 7-5, 6-0.
Kwon Soon Woo d. Benoit Paire, 6-4, 7-5.
Nuno Borges d. Pablo Andujar, 6-4, 3-0, retired.
Bernabe Zapata Miralles d. Federico Coria, 6-4, 6-3.

ATP BMW OPEN BY AMERICAN EXPRESS
At MTTC Iphitos, Munich, Red clay-outdoors
MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32
#7 Miomir Kecmanovic d. Max Hans Rehberg, 6-2, 6-3.
Alex Molcan d. Norbert Gombos, 6-1, 3-6, 7-6(7).
Daniel Altmaier d. Philipp Kohlschreiber, 7-6(5), 3-6, 6-1.
Emil Ruusuvuori d. Yoshihito Nishioka, 7-6(5), 7-5.
Holger Vitus Nodskov Rune d. Jiri Lehecka, 7-6(4), 6-3.

ATP SINGLES RANKINGS
1. Novak Djokovic, Serbia 8,400
2. Daniil Medvedev, Russia 7,465
3. Alexander Zverev, Germany 6,435
4. Rafael Nadal, Spain 6,435
5. Stefanos Tsitsipas, Greece 5,770
6. Matteo Berrettini, Italy 4,570
7. Casper Ruud, Norway 4,110
8. Andrey Rublev, Russia 4,025
9. Carlos Alcaraz, Spain 3,827
10. Felix Auger-Aliassime, Canada 3,625
11. Cameron Norrie, Great Britain 3,440
12. Jannik Sinner, Italy 3,029
13. Taylor Fritz, U.S. 3,010
14. Hubert Hurkacz, Poland 2,797
15. Diego Schwartzman, Argentina 2,808
16. Denis Shapovalov, Canada 2,671
17. Reilly Opelka, U.S. 2,475
18. Pablo Carreno Busta, Spain 2,135
19. Roberto Bautista Agut, Spain 2,030
20. Nikoloz Basilashvili, Georgia 1,788

WTA SINGLES RANKINGS
1. Iga Swiatek, Poland 7,181
2. Paula Badosa, Spain 5,045
3. Barbora Krejickova, Cz Rep 5,043
4. Aryna Sabalenka, Belarus 4,711
5. Maria Sakkari, Greece 4,651
6. Anett Kontaveit, Estonia 4,551
7. Karolina Pliskova, Cz Rep 4,207
8. Danielle Collins, U.S. 3,151
9. Garbine Muguruzza, Spain 3,070
10. Ons Jabeur, Tunisia 3,015
11. Emma Raducanu, Gr. Britain 2,797
12. Jelena Ostapenko, Latvia 2,780
13. Belinda Bencic, Switzerland 2,561
14. Jessica Pegula, U.S. 2,510
15. Ana. Pavlyuchenkova, Russia 2,472
16. Coco Gauff, U.S. 2,300
17. Victoria Azarenka, Belarus 2,281
18. Elena Rybakina, Kazakhstan 2,261
19. Angelique Kerber, Germany 2,243
20. Leylah A. Fernandez, Canada 2,151
21. Simona Halep, Romania 1,972
22. Madison Keys, U.S. 1,958

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE												
ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	PT	GF	GA					
z-Florida	79	57	16	6	120	332	232					
x-Toronto	80	52	21	7	111	307	251					
x-Tampa Bay	79	49	22	8	106	275	223					
x-Boston	79	49	25	5	103	244	213					
Buffalo	80	31	38	11	73	229	283					
Detroit	80	31	39	10	72	225	306					
Ottawa	79	31	41	7	69	218	256					
Montreal	80	20	49	11	51	207	314					
METRO.	GP	W	L	OT	PT	GF	GA					
x-Carolina	80	52	20	8	112	268	196					
x-N.Y. Rangers	79	51	22	6	108	245	197					
x-Pittsburgh	80	45	24	11	101	266	221					
x-Washington	79	44	23	12	100	271	233					
N.Y. Islanders	79	35	34	10	80	218	229					
Columbus	79	36	36	7	79	253	289					
New Jersey	79	27	44	8	62	238	291					
Philadelphia	79	25	43	11	61	208	287					

WESTERN CONFERENCE												
CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PT	GF	GA					
z-Colorado	79	55	18	6	116	302	222					
x-Minnesota	79	51	21	7	109	300	245					
x-St. Louis	80	49	20	11	109	304	230					
Nashville	79	44	29	6	94	253	238					
Dallas	79	44	30	5	93	228	238					
Winnipeg	79	36	32	11	83	241	253					
Chicago	79	26	42	11	63	210	284					
Arizona	79	22	50	7	51	193	303					
PACIFIC	GP	W	L	OT	PT	GF	GA					
y-Calgary	79	49	20	10	108	285	198					
x-Edmonton	79	46	27	6	98	277	245					
Los Angeles	80	43	27	10	96	232	230					
Vegas	79	42	31	6	90	254	237					
Vancouver	79	38	30	11	87	239	229					
San Jose	79	32	35	12	76	208	251					
Anaheim	80	30	36	14	74	225	265					
Seattle	78	26	46	6	58	205	271					

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.
x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division
z-clinched conference

MONDAY'S RESULT
Philadelphia at Chicago, late

TUESDAY'S GAMES
Carolina at N.Y. Rangers, 7p.m.
Columbus at Tampa Bay, 7p.m.
Detroit at Toronto, 7p.m.
Edmonton at Pittsburgh, 7p.m.
Florida at Boston, 7p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Washington, 7p.m.
New Jersey at Ottawa, 7p.m.
Arizona at Minnesota, 8p.m.
Calgary at Nashville, 8p.m.
Vegas at Dallas, 8:30p.m.
St. Louis at Colorado, 9:30p.m.
Seattle at Vancouver, 10p.m.
Anaheim at San Jose, 10:30p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES
Montreal at N.Y. Rangers, 7:30p.m.
Philadelphia at Winnipeg, 7:30p.m.
Arizona at Dallas, 8:30p.m.
Vegas at Chicago, 8:30p.m.
Los Angeles at Seattle, 10p.m.

THURSDAY'S GAMES
Buffalo at Boston, 7p.m.
Florida at Ottawa, 7p.m.
New Jersey at Carolina, 7p.m.
Tampa Bay at Columbus, 7p.m.
Washington at N.Y. Islanders, 7p.m.
Calgary at Minnesota, 8p.m.
Nashville at Colorado, 9p.m.
San Jose at Edmonton, 9p.m.
Los Angeles at Vancouver, 10p.m.

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Detroit 3, New Jersey 0
Carolina 5, N.Y. Islanders 2
Columbus 5, Edmonton 2
Philadelphia 4, Pittsburgh 1
Winnipeg 4, Colorado 1
Tampa Bay 8, Florida 4
Toronto 4, Washington 3 (SO)
Boston 5, Montreal 3
Minnesota 5, Nashville 4 (OT)
St. Louis 6, Anaheim 3
San Jose 5, Vegas 4 (SO)

BILL MASTERON TROPHY AWARD NOMINEES
Awarded annually by the Professional Hockey Writers' Association to the player who best exemplifies the qualities of perseverance, sportsmanship and dedication to hockey. A player from each team is nominated by the local chapter. The list will be narrowed to finalists and a winner named between Games 3and 4of the Stanley Cup Final.
Anaheim: Ryan Getzlaf, F
Arizona: Andrew Ladd, F
Boston: Jake DeBrusk, F
Buffalo: Kyle Okposo, F
Calgary: Christopher Tanev, D
Carolina: Antti Raanta, G
Chicago: Dylan Strome, F
Colorado: Jack Johnson, D
Columbus: Justin Danforth, F
Dallas: Tyler Seguin, F
Detroit: Marc Staal, D
Edmonton Oilers: Kris Russell, D
Florida: Anthony Duclair, F
Los Angeles: Blake Lizotte, F
Minnesota: Jared Spurgeon, D
Montreal: Carey Price, G
Nashville: Mark Borowiecki, D
New Jersey Devils: Nico Hischier, F
New York Islanders: Zdeno Chara, D
New York Rangers: Chris Kreider, F
Ottawa: Anton Forsberg, G
Philadelphia: Kevin Hayes, F
Pittsburgh: Brian Boyle, F
St. Louis: Vladimir Tarasenko, F
San Jose: Brent Burns, D
Seattle: Jaden Schwartz, F
Tampa Bay: Alex Killorn, F
Toronto: Ondrej Kase, F
Vancouver: Luke Schenn, D
Vegas: Jack Eichel, F
Washington: Nicklas Backstrom, F
Winnipeg: Josh Morrissey, D

USFL

All games in Birmingham, Ala.

NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
New Jersey	1	1	0	.500	34	34
Philadelphia	1	1	0	.500	47	46
Michigan	0	2	0	.000	18	27
Pittsburgh	0	2	0	.000	26	47
SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
New Orleans	2	0	0	1.000	57	20
Birmingham	2	0	0	1.000	61	52
Houston	1	1	0	.500	45	45
Tampa Bay	1	1	0	.500	20	37

WEEK 3 SATURDAY'S GAMES
Tampa Bay at Houston, 4p.m.
Pittsburgh at Michigan, 8p.m.

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Birmingham at New Orleans, 2:30p.m.
New Jersey at Philadelphia, 8p.m.

NFL




DRAFT ORDER
denotes picks involved in trades that are conditional
FIRST ROUND (THURSDAY)
1. Jacksonville Jaguars
2. Detroit Lions
3. Houston Texans
4. N.Y. Jets
5. N.Y. Giants
6. Carolina Panthers
7. N.Y. Giants (from Chicago)
8. Atlanta Falcons
9. Seattle Seahawks (from Denver)
10. N.Y. Jets (from Seattle Seahawks)
11. Washington Commanders
12. Minnesota (from Pittsburgh)
13. Houston Texans (from Cleveland)
14. Baltimore Ravens
15. Philadelphia Eagles (from Miami)
16. New Orleans Saints (via Ind/Phi)
17. L.A. Chargers
18. Philadelphia (from New Orleans)
19. New Orleans (from Philadelphia)
20. Minnesota (from Pittsburgh)
21. Dallas (from New England)
22. Green Bay Packers (from Las Vegas)
23. Arizona Cardinals
24. New England (from Dallas Cowboys)
25. Buffalo Bills
26. Kansas City (from Tennessee Titans)
27. Tampa Bay Buccaneers
28. Green Bay Packers
29. Kansas City Chiefs (from SF/Mia)
30. Tennessee (from Kansas City Chiefs)
31. Cincinnati Bengals
32. Seattle (from Detroit/L.A. Rams)

SOCCER

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EASTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Philadelphia	5	1	2	17	12	5
N.Y. Red Bulls	4	2	2	14	13	6
Orlando City	4	3	2	14	10	10
Atlanta	3	3	2	11	10	11
Toronto FC	3	3	2	11	15	17
CF Montreal	3	3	2	11	14	17
New York City FC	3	3	1	10	16	10
Charlotte FC	3	5	1	10	8	11
Inter Miami CF	3	4	1	10	9	16
Chicago	2	2	4	10	5	5
D.C. United	3	4	0	9	10	10
Columbus	2	3	3	9	10	9
New England	2	5	1	7	12	16
Cincinnati	2	5	1	7	9	16
WESTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Los Angeles FC	6	1	1	19	19	8
Austin FC	5	1	2	17	20	7
LA Galaxy	5	2	1	16	10	7
FC Dallas	4	1	3	15	12	5
Minnesota United	4	2	2	14	11	6
Houston Salt Lake	3	2	4	13	9	13
Real Sound	3	2	3	12	11	9
Nashville	3	3	2	11	8	9
Portland	2	2	5	11	10	13
Colorado	2	3	3	9	9	11
Seattle	1	2	4	7	9	11
Sporting KC	2	6	1	7	6	14
San Jose	1	4	3	6	15	20
Vancouver	1	6	1	4	6	17
Three points for win, one point for tie.						

WEATHER

TUESDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Mostly cloudy with scattered showers. South wind around 5 mph.

HIGH 60°
LOW 44°

WEDNESDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Partly sunny and breezy. Areas of frost are possible at night.

HIGH 57°
LOW 35°

THURSDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Partly sunny and breezy. Areas of frost are possible at night.

HIGH 54°
LOW 37°

FRIDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Partly sunny and breezy.

HIGH 55°
LOW 37°

SATURDAY



SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Partly sunny and cooler than normal.

HIGH 59°
LOW 39°

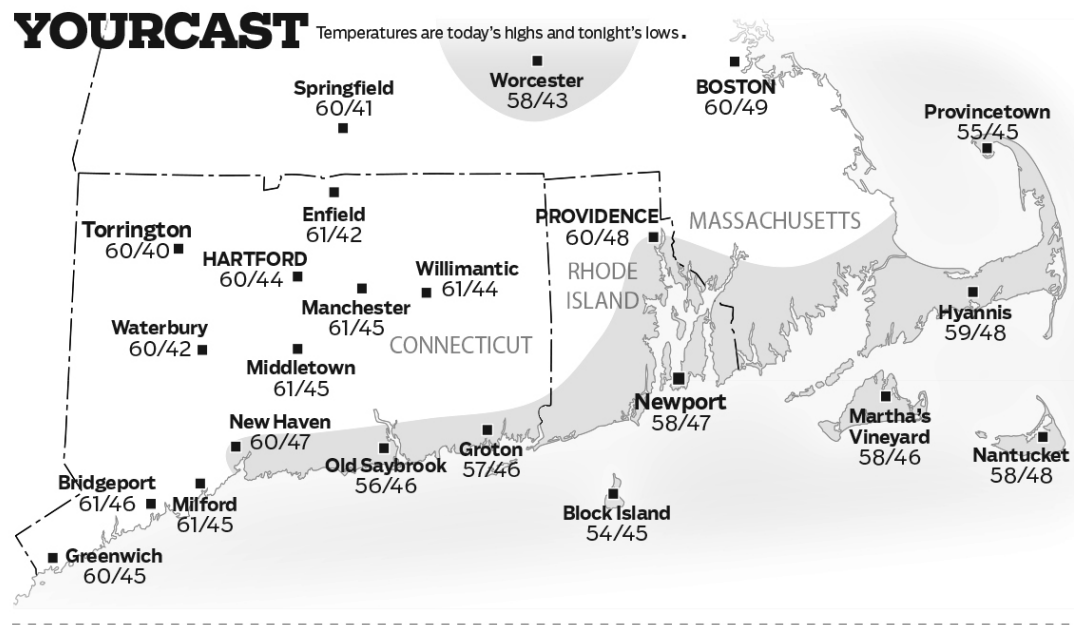
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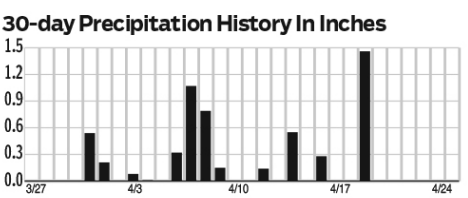
The combination of an area of low pressure over southern New Jersey and a cold front crossing New York and Pennsylvania on Tuesday will cause mostly cloudy skies with scattered showers and high temperatures ranging from the mid-50s to the lower 60s. The showers will taper off overnight. High pressure will ridge into the region from the Midwest on Wednesday bringing partly sunny skies and breezy conditions with high temperatures in the 50s. It will be chilly Wednesday night with the chance for some areas of frost. The threat for scattered frost will continue Thursday night.

-Gary Lessor

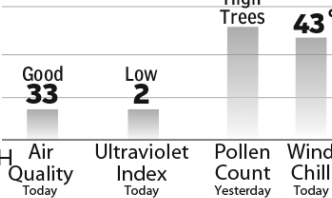
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Precipitation In Inches	Total	Normal
Yesterday (by 7 p.m.)	0.00	0.14
Month to date	5.06	3.21
Total this year	14.54	13.43

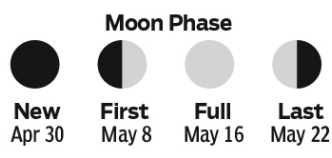
Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks



Air Quality Forecast For Today



	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise	5:55 a.m.	5:53 a.m.
Sunset	7:43 p.m.	7:44 p.m.
Moonrise	4:19 a.m.	4:42 a.m.
Moonset	3:24 p.m.	4:32 p.m.



Tides	High	Low	Temp.
N.L. State Pier	6:50 a.m. 7:18 p.m.	12:51 a.m. 1:15 p.m.	51°
Saybrook Jetty	8:01 a.m. 8:29 p.m.	1:44 a.m. 2:08 p.m.	52°
Connecticut River at Portland	10:44 a.m. 11:12 p.m.	5:30 a.m. 5:54 p.m.	
Madison	8:16 a.m. 8:45 p.m.	2:02 a.m. 2:28 p.m.	52°
New Haven	8:36 a.m. 9:05 p.m.	2:26 a.m. 2:52 p.m.	52°
Stamford	8:40 a.m. 9:09 p.m.	2:40 a.m. 3:06 p.m.	51°

River Stage at Hartford: 7.57 feet at 6:30 p.m.

Boating Weather	L.I. Sound W Showers	L.I. Sound E Showers	B.I. Sound Showers
Wind	E, 5-10	SE, 5-10	SE, 5-10
Seas	1 ft.	1-3 ft.	2-3 ft.

Temperature Monday	High	Low
Normal for date	65	42
Record for date	91 in 2009	26 in 1956
A year ago	59	47
Range this year	78	-2

Heating Degree Days For July 1 - April 25	Season	Normal	Last Season
	5107	5601	5184



Atmosphere	High	Low
Barometer	30.28 at 8 a.m.	30.21 at 7 p.m.
Dew point	35° at 9 a.m.	19° at 5 p.m.

AROUND THE WORLD

Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

NEW ENGLAND	Bangor 54 41 C Burlington 63 37 C Caribou 50 40 C Concord 55 42 SH Montpelier 58 37 C Mt. Wash. 42 24 C Portland 54 45 C Woods Hole 52 45 C	Baltimore 66 42 SH Bismarck 52 31 S Boise 62 38 SH Buffalo 51 32 C Charleston 85 59 PC Cincinnati 57 36 PC Cleveland 52 33 PC Indianapolis 56 36 PC Jacksonville 86 62 PC Las Vegas 89 67 PC Miami Beach 80 74 PC Milwaukee 46 28 PC	Nashville 64 39 PC New Orleans 77 60 C New York 59 46 SH Okla. City 73 49 S Omaha 65 48 S Orlando 90 66 S Pittsburgh 58 33 C Raleigh 81 48 PC St. Louis 60 44 S Salt Lake City 75 50 PC San Antonio 71 59 C San Diego 69 59 PC	WORLD	Amsterdam 57 37 PC Athens 79 55 S Bangkok 95 84 T Barbados 85 73 T Beijing 73 52 S Beirut 76 60 PC Berlin 59 41 PC Bermuda 70 63 PC	San Juan 84 74 SH Tucson 96 63 S	Budapest 69 49 S Buenos Aires 75 66 T Cairo 91 63 S Cancun 84 72 SH Dubai 100 82 PC Dublin 52 39 PC Edinburgh 49 40 C Helsinki 50 25 S Hong Kong 90 79 PC Istanbul 75 52 PC Jerusalem 81 64 PC Johannesburg 72 48 PC Singapore 91 75 T	Stockholm 49 29 PC Sydney 73 61 SH Tel Aviv 75 58 PC Tokyo 73 61 C Toronto 48 30 SH Vancouver 52 41 T Warsaw 54 39 SH
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MONDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS

BASEBALL

CCC-North
ROCKY HILL 18, BLOOMFIELD CO-OP 0 (5)
RH 717-03-18-12-0
B 000-00-0-1-1
WP: Tyler Carlstrom. **LP:** Martin Aponte. Rec.: **RH**-6-3; **B**-2-6.
WINDSOR 6, NEW BRITAIN 5
NB 003-011-0-5-7-1
W 030-120-x-6-7-1
WP: Eli Fangiullo. **LP:** Will Estronza. Rec.: **W**-8-0; **NB**-1-6.
NEWINGTON 18, HARTFORD PUBLIC/HMTCA 2
CCC-South
LEWIS MILLS 9, PLAINVILLE 3
LM 101-301-3-9-7-3
P 000-001-2-3-5-6
WP: Jacob Dorman. **LP:** Jacob Lagassey. **HR:** BM-Cole Varano. Rec.: **LM**-5-3; **P**-2-7. **Note:** Ben Rewenko had a double, 4RBI and Thomas O'Connell was 2-for-3with an RBI, 2runs scored for Mills. Brennan Staubleigh had 2RBI for Plainville.
PLATT 8, BRISTOL EASTERN 5
BE 201-001-1-5-10-4
P 202-400-x-8-4-2
WP: Brandon Cahill. **LP:** Mike Roalf. Rec.: **P**-7-2; **BE**-2-5.
MALONEY 7, BRISTOL CENTRAL 4
BERLIN 3, MIDDLETOWN 2 (8)
CCC-East
RHAM 14, SOUTH WINDSOR 4
R 319-01-14-16-1
SW 000-04-4-6-1
WP: Fayz Baig. **LP:** Nick Worthington. **HR:** R-Mike Poncini. Rec.: **R**-7-0; **SW**-1-7. **Note:** Poncini was 4-for-4with 2RBI and Patrick Miller was 3-for-3with 2doubles, 5RBI for RHAM.
MANCHESTER 12, E.O. SMITH 0
EOS 000-00-0-2-3
M 253-32-12-12-0
WO: Mason Cynenas-Heimer. **LP:** Jason Wina-kor. Rec.: **M**-8-1; **EOS**-5-3.
EAST CATHOLIC 4, ENFIELD 3
TOLLAND 18, EAST HARTFORD 7
CCC-West
SOUTHTON 12, FARMINGTON 1
NORTHWEST CATHOLIC 9, AVON 7
CONARD 5, GLASTONBURY 1

NCCC
SUFFIELD 5, SMSA 0
SU 000-002-3-5-6-3
SM 000-000-0-0-4-7
WP: Sam Beaudoin. **LP:** Rory Mayer. Rec.: **SU**-5-5; **SMSA**-2-5. **Note:** Beaudoin had 15strikeouts and was 2-for-4with a double, RBI and Nick Gomes was 2-for-4with 2RBI. Raul Garcia was 2-for-3for SMSA.
EAST GRANBY 11, BOLTON 0 (6)
WINDSOR LOCKS 3, STAFFORD 0
Shoreline
HADDAM-KILLINGWORTH 4, OLD SAYBROOK 1
OS 010-000-1-1-7-0
HK 020-01-x-4-7-1
WP: Alex Sheehan. **LP:** Jake Butler. Rec.: **HK**-7-3; **OS**-6-3. **Note:** Sheehan had 8strikeouts in his first win of the season. Blake Kamoen had 2hits, 2RBI and Lucas Kamoen had a hit, RBI for H-K. Augie Albert had 2hits for Old Saybrook.
EAST HAMPTON 7, OLD LYME 6
OL 320-000-1-6-8-1
EH 400-102-x-7-8-1
WP: Luke Paluska. **LP:** Santiago Rodriguez. Rec.: **EH**-6-4; **OL**-4-6. **Note:** Avery Hall was 2-for-4with 2RBI and Javy Diaz was 2-for-4with 2runs scored for East Hampton. Jordan Warecke was 2-for-4with 3RBI for Old Lyme.
COGINCHAUG 6, VALLEY REGIONAL 2
MORGAN 9, PORTLAND 5
CTC
WINDHAM TECH 15, VINAL TECH 0
WILCOX TECH 10, WOLCOTT TECH 8
BULLARD-HAVENS 13, PRINCE TECH 3
CRAL
INNOVATION 5, PARISH HILL 4
UNIVERSITY/CLASSICAL 15, WEAVER 3
MILC 18, CAPITAL PREP 8
SCC
XAVIER 10, LAW 0 (5)

NVL
ST. PAUL 14, DERBY 0
Others
ROCKVILLE 18, CHENEY TECH 5 (5)
R 071-73-18-19-2
CT 001-31-5-3-4
WP: Tiarnan Doyle. **LP:** Adam Bowman. Rec.: **R**-5-4; **CT**-3-6.
EAST WINDSOR 13, CIVIC LEADERSHIP 3 (5)
LYMAN HALL 7, NORTH BRANFORD 0

SOFTBALL

CCC-North
ROCKY HILL 14, BLOOMFIELD 1 (5)
B 000-10-1-4-4
RH 184-1x-14-14-0
WP: Shauna Kehoe. **LP:** Taraji Larmond. **HR:** RH-Shauna Kehoe. Rec.: **RH**-6-3; **B**-4-5.
WINDSOR 21, NEW BRITAIN 4
NEWINGTON 18, HARTFORD PUBLIC 2
CCC-South
PLAINVILLE 15, LEWIS MILLS 0
WP: Grace Geddes. **LP:** Eliza Criss. Rec.: **P**-4-3; **LM**-1-8. **Note:** Geddes allowed 1hit over 5innings with 6strikeouts, 2walks.
BRISTOL CENTRAL 14, MALONEY 2
BRISTOL EASTERN 11, PLATT 1
BERLIN 8, MIDDLETOWN 2
CCC-East
RHAM 10, SOUTH WINDSOR 3
SW 201-000-0-3-5-5
R 030-322-x-10-10-2
WP: Hadley Marchand. **LP:** Gabrielle Ryan. **HR:** R-Marchand (2), Taylor Fitch, Linnea Carlson, Ashlee Perkins. Rec.: **SW**-3-6; **R**-7-2. **Note:** Marchand had 11strikeouts and was 2-for-4with 3RBI. Perkins was 3-for-4with 2runs scored.
ENFIELD 13, EAST CATHOLIC 1 (6)
EC 000-001-1-4-0
E 000-337-13-5-0
WP: Tiffany Lubanski. **LP:** Kylie Bachand-Martin. Rec.: **E**-7-2; **EC**-3-3. **Note:** Lubanski had 10strikeouts and Taylor Lathrop was 1-for-3with 2RBI, 2runs scored. Bachand-Martin had 12strikeouts.
MANCHESTER 4, E.O. SMITH 1
M 003-000-1-4-5-1
EOS 000-100-0-1-5-4
WP: Katie Regan. **LP:** Ashley Lewis. Rec.: **M**-4-5; **EOS**-2-4.

CCC-West
GLASTONBURY 9, CONARD 3
G 030-330-0-9
C 002-001-0-3
WP: Brooke Tracy. **LP:** Tatyana Datil. Rec.: **G**-8-1; **C**-3-5.
AVON 12, NORTHWEST CATHOLIC 0
HALL 11, SIMSBURY 2

NCCC
CANTON 11, WINDSOR LOCKS 2
C 451-001-0-11
WL 200-000-0-2
WP: Alice Butterfield. **LP:** Rene Homan. **HR:** WL-Homan. Rec.: **C**-6-3; **WL**-3-6. **Note:** Butterfield had 13strikeouts.

Shoreline
HADDAM-KILLINGWORTH 21, OLD SAYBROOK 0 (5)
HK 6(11)3-01-21-15-0
OS 000-00-0-3-2
WP: Bella Richwine. **LP:** Cassie Johnson. Rec.: **HK**-10-1; **OS**-0-6. **Note:** Kaleigh Bodak was 3-for-3with 3RBI, 3runs scored and Annabelle Zajac had 2hits, 2RBI, 3runs scored for H-K.
CROMWELL 10, HALE-RAY 0
HR 000-000-0-0-2-1
C 104-005-x-10-17-1
WP: Lily Kenney. **LP:** Julia Campbell. Rec.: **C**-9-1; **HR**-1-7. **Note:** Kenney had 11strikeouts. Jamie Anderson, Victoria Wiatrak and Alyssa Brodeur all had 3hits for Cromwell.
NORTH BRANFORD 20, WESTBROOK/PORTLAND 0
OLD LYME 12, EAST HAMPTON 3

CTC
WINDHAM TECH 16, VINAL TECH 1 (5)
WILCOX TECH 5, WOLCOTT TECH 3
CRAL
WEAVER 13, UNIVERSITY/CLASSICAL 11 (6)
UC 204-401-11-3-4
W 511-15x-13-4-5
WP: Daisy Garriga. **LP:** Celine Diaz. **HR:** W-Calibe Simpson. Rec.: **W**-2-3; **UC**-1-4.
PARISH HILL 20, INNOVATION 6 (5)
P 363-71-20
I 102-03-6
WP: Kristie Zator. **LP:** Alice Bidoea. **HR:** I-Tamara Lopez. Rec.: **PH**-3-3; **I**-2-4.
MILC 22, CAPITAL PREP 5

SCC
SHEEHAN 15, CAREER 0

ECC
WINDHAM 3, NEW LONDON 2
W 102-000-0-354
NL 000-002-0-210
WP: Analise Escarraman. **LP:** Alina Skrabacz. Rec.: **W**-7-4; **NL**-0-6. **Note:** Escarraman tossed a complete game with 14strikeouts. Alyssa Figueroa was 2-for-2with 2walks, 2RBI and Anya Jenkins had 2hits for Windham.

NVL
ST. PAUL 13, DERBY 1 (6)
D 000-001-1-3-1
SP 324-003-13-11-2
WP: Gillian Smith. **LP:** Jamie Oraziotti. Rec.: **SP**-2-8; **D**-1-10. **Note:** Smith had 13strikeouts and had 2 hits at the plate. Taylor Williams and Taylor Lorenzetti added 2 hits each for St. Paul.
Others
CIVIC LEADERSHIP/AEROSPACE 22, GOODWIN TECH 4 (5)
GT 300-10-4-2-0
CLA 3(13)6-0x-22-4-2
WP: Jenna Tinker. **LP:** Kiamylis Rivera. Rec.: **CLA**-8-0; **GT**-4-5.
EAST GRANBY 17, BULKELEY 0

BOYS LACROSSE

CCC-South
TOLLAND 13, MIDDLETOWN 2
LEWIS MILLS 19, MALONEY/PLATT 5

CCC-Inter
NORTHWEST CATHOLIC 10, SIMSBURY 9
GLASTONBURY 20, FARMINGTON 2

NCCC
CANTON 13, GRANBY 9

Others
XAVIER 10, CONARD 7
Goals: X-Aidan Driscoll (3), Shane Kulhay (2), Owen Lelko (2), Robert, Zdrojeski, Luke Solomon; C-Luke Shaffer (2), Will Tousignant (2), Will Weaver, Steven Mascolo, Brayden Grainger. **Saves:** X-William Monroe, G-Trevor Dalton, 14. Rec.: X-5-2; C-4-3.

GIRLS LACROSSE

CCC-North
HALL 12, AVON 9
Goals: H-Emma Keller (7), Talia Sortman (2), Grace Rocheleau, Addison O'Connell, Grace Chor, A-Lily Wood (5), Kelly Hayes (2), Marissa Blaha (2), **Saves:** H-Talia Leshem, G-A-Isabella Griffith and Tessa Robinson, 6. Rec.: H-3-5; A-2-4.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

CCC-West
NEWINGTON 3, LEWIS MILLS 0 (25-22, 25-11, 28-26)
N-Trey Guest, 16 kills, 9 digs, 5 aces, Jacob Lawless, 30 assists; LM-TS Howlett, 11 kills, Brad Bergstrom, 2 blocks. Rec.: **N**-5-3; **LM**-0-8.
SOUTHTON 3, MALONEY 0
CCC-Inter
SOUTH WINDSOR 3, NEW BRITAIN 1 (25-11, 22-25, 25-23, 25-19)
SW-Aidan Iacovelli, 21 kills, 8 aces, 3 digs, Alex Ezedine, 18 kills, 3 digs, Anthony Santini, 45 assists. Rec.: **SW**-4-3; **NB**-4-3.
SIMSBURY 3, EAST HARTFORD 0 (25-15, 25-14, 25-18)
S-Anderson Pillier, 12 aces, Jason George, 6 aces. Rec.: **S**-5-4; **EH**-0-7.
FARMINGTON 3, ENFIELD 1

SCC
SHELTON 3, XAVIER 1 (30-28, 21-25, 25-19, 25-19)
X-Joseph O'Brien, 16 kills, 10 digs, 2 blocks, Rory McCormack, 40 digs, 15 kills, 3 aces. Rec.: **S**-5-2; **X**-7-3.
Others
GLASTONBURY 3, ROCKVILLE 0

BOYS GOLF

CCC-South
MIDDLETOWN 192, BRISTOL CENTRAL 195
Medalist: Scott Petrosky, Bristol Central, 37 at Pequabuck GC, Bristol.

CCC-East
TOLLAND 162, RHAM 169
Medalist: Max Baldwin, Tolland, 38 at Twin Hills CC, Coventry.
NCCC
CANTON 163, STAFFORD 278
Medalists: Matt Shuman and Artie Hayes, Canton, 37 at Blue Fox Run, Avon.
ELLINGTON 153, SMSA/HMTCA 215
Medalist: Bradley Sawka, Ellington, 31 at Goodwin Park GC, Hartford.
GRANBY 208, SOMERS 220
Medalist: Russell Brown, Granby 42 at Grassmere CC, Enfield.

Shoreline
HADDAM-KILLINGWORTH 175, HALE-RAY 193
Medalist: Luke Karpiej, Hale-Ray, 38 at Black Birch GC, Moodus.

CTC
VINAL TECH 229, GOODWIN TECH 252
Medalist: Kyle Kundraht, Vinal Tech at Stanley GC, New Britain.

SCC
NOTRE DAME-WEST HAVEN 170, XAVIER 172
Medalist: Will Gianquinto, Notre Dame-West Haven, 38 at Portland GC.
HAND 173, HAMDEN 184
CHESHIRE 154, SHEEHAN 189

NVL
ST. PAUL 176, WOLCOTT 206
Medalists: Matt Downes and Brandon Frye, St. Paul, 41 at Farmington Hills GC, Wolcott.
Others
EAST HAVEN 191, WILCOX TECH 207, HILLHOUSE 259

GIRLS GOLF

CCC-West
SIMSBURY 205, NORTHWEST CATHOLIC 217
Medalist: Ava Sparacio, Simsbury, 44 at Simsbury Farms GC.
CONARD 199, AVON 215
HALL 177, FARMINGTON 278
CCC-Inter
GLASTONBURY 188, NEWINGTON 239
Medalist: Morgan Peterson, Glastonbury, 38 at Glastonbury Hills CC.
LEWIS MILLS 211, EAST HARTFORD 271
Medalist: Kiana Bolleyer, Lewis Mills, Fairview Farms GC, Harwinton.

SCC
CHESHIRE 192, MERCY 238
Medalist: Sydney Hidalgo, Cheshire, 41 at South-ington CC.

BOYS TENNIS

CCC-West
NORTHWEST CATHOLIC 4, SIMSBURY 3
CCC-Inter
MANCHESTER 6, NEW BRITAIN 1
HALL 4, WETHERSFIELD 3
PLAINVILLE 7, BULKELEY/HMTCA 0
ENFIELD CO-OP 7, PLATT/MALONEY 0
FARMINGTON 6, BERLIN 1
CONARD 7, BRISTOL CENTRAL 0
LEWIS MILLS 4, TOLLAND 3

Shoreline
WESTBROOK 4, OLD SAYBROOK 1
VALLEY REGIONAL 6, EAST HAMPTON 1
MORGAN 7, CROMWELL 0
HADDAM-KILLINGWORTH 4, OLD LYME 3
CTC
GRASSO TECH 6, WILCOX TECH 1
SCC
XAVIER 4, BRANFORD 3
HAND 7, SHELTON 0
LYMAN HALL 4, FORAN 3

Others
GRANBY 4, NEWINGTON 3

GIRLS TENNIS

CCC-Inter
NEWINGTON 5, HALL 2
SOUTHINGTON 6, PLAINVILLE 1
CONARD 5, BRISTOL CENTRAL 2
ROCKY HILL 6, SOUTH WINDSOR 1